

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM.

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

FOR THE CARE, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING OF

IDIOTIC, IMBECILE, AND WEAK-MINDED

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS,

BELONGING TO

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND,

CUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

‘God help the Imbecile! more dark their lot
Than dumb, or deaf, the cripple, or the blind :
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind ;
Babes though full-grown ; the page of life a blot.


‘ Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred ?
Their need o’erlooked ? shall Charity pass by,
Leave them to perish with averted eye ?
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord !’

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE TREASURER, for the time being, of THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS AND IMBECILES, situate at Lancaster, the sum of _____ to be applied to the purposes of that Institution, such Legacy to be paid, in precedence of the other pecuniary Legacies hereby bequeathed, out of such part of my Personal Estate, not specifically bequeathed, as the law permits to be appropriated by Will to charitable purposes.

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P R O S P E C T U S .

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM has been established for the care, education, and training of Idiots and Imbeciles of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties, viz.:—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland. The number of Idiots and Imbeciles in England and Wales, returned at the Census of 1881 was 32,717. Of these, 8,764 belong to the Seven Counties, 2,422 being between Five years of age and Twenty. But accurate statistics as to the prevalence of idiocy or imbecility are difficult to obtain, and there is no doubt that the foregoing returns are considerably below the actual number, owing to the general ignorance on the subject, and the natural desire in families to conceal the existence of the malady.

Idiocy being generally accompanied by an abnormal or imperfectly developed physical organisation, which retards the growth of the intellectual and moral powers, Idiots require a distinctive treatment in separate Institutions, where the resources of the skilful physician can be best employed for the modification or correction of those defects which obscure the mind. The Commissioners in Lunacy, and the medical profession generally, condemn the association of Idiots with Lunatics, as in all respects very objectionable and mutually injurious. In their Report for 1865, the Commissioners observe: "It has long been our opinion, as the result of extended experience and observation, that the association of Idiot children with Lunatics is very objectionable and injurious to them, and upon our visits to County Asylums we have frequently suggested arrangements for their separate treatment and instruction. It is always to us a painful thing to see Idiot children, whose mental faculties and physical powers and habits are capable of much development and improvement, wandering, without object or special care, about the wards of a Lunatic Asylum. The benefits to be derived, even in idiot cases apparently hopeless, from a distinctive system, and from persevering endeavours to develop the dormant powers, physical and intellectual, are now so fully established that any argument upon the subject would be superfluous." Again, in their Report for 1874, the Commissioners state: "We should be glad to see the noble example of the Northern Counties in this direction followed in other parts of the kingdom, since Idiots form a large proportion of the mentally afflicted, and require peculiar treatment, distinct from that applicable to the Insane." Referring to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, the *Lancet* (June 20th, 1868) says:—"We hail the establishment of this Asylum as another proof of the more scientific therapeutics to which the insane are now subjected. Till within the last few years the Idiot or the Imbecile child was invariably accommodated, not only in the same building, but in the same ward, with the victims to dementia, melancholia, or chronic mania. The effects of this indiscriminate classification and treatment were most pernicious. The young Idiot or Imbecile, at the impressible and plastic period of his life, suffered from daily and nightly contact with those confirmed or aggravated cases of lunacy, and the only opportunity available for his rescue was then allowed to slip, until his case also became aggravated or confirmed. The benefits of the new system have been signally satisfactory."

That much may be done to render the poor Idiot's life more tolerable to himself and less burdensome to his friends, has been abundantly demonstrated by the success of existing asylums. Dr. Langdon Down, speaking from his long experience as the Superintendent of the largest Idiot Asylum in this country, calculates that of the cases admitted into that Institution, "10 per cent. become self-supporting; 40 per cent. become so far improved as to cease to use up a sane life in their care, and become contributors to the common stock; and the remainder, all but 6 per cent., are invariably

improved in their habits, and become greatly lessened burdens on their families and society." Dr. Duncan, F.R.S., and Mr. Millard, in their work on the "Classification, Training, and Education of Idiots," thus describe the success of specific treatment:—"Weak physical powers have been strengthened, uncleanly habits have been cured, the spiteful and irritable have become calm, the dependent self-depending; the idle have been rendered useful, the untutored have learned to read, write, count, and draw; the ability to earn much towards their own livelihood has been acquired by some, while in a few instances the capacity for earning sufficient for a maintenance and laying it out for themselves has been gained; and the moral and religious feelings have been aroused and fostered, so that excellent characters have been produced, and deeds of simple kindness have been performed by those who were once selfish, sensual, and depraved." The late Dr. Seguin, the distinguished physician, who may be regarded as the pioneer in this noble work, said, after thirty years' practical experience in the education and training of Idiots:—"Idiots have been improved, educated, and even cured; not one in a thousand has been entirely refractory to treatment; not one in a hundred who has not been made more happy and healthy; more than thirty per cent. have been taught to conform to social and moral law, and rendered capable of order, of good feeling, and of working like the third of a man; more than 40 per cent. have become capable of the ordinary transactions of life, under friendly control, of understanding moral and social abstractions, of working like two-thirds of a man; and twenty-five to thirty per cent. come nearer and nearer the standard of manhood, till some of them will defy the scrutiny of good judges when compared with ordinary young men and women."

The ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the Estate upon which it is erected consists of about 97 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the Lake Mountains. Accommodation has been provided for 600 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of idiots and imbeciles. The system of Training pursued in the Asylum is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental, and moral improvement of the patients, and is under the immediate direction of a Medical Superintendent. It includes gymnastic training, school education of a suitable kind, and instruction in a simple handicraft or other useful occupation.

Epileptic, Paralytic, and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Idiocy which is complicated with blindness or deafness, is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:—

PATIENTS.—Two classes of Patients, of both sexes, are admitted into the Asylum:—

1. Free patients, between the ages of Six and Fifteen, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are elected by the votes of the Subscribers, and received for Seven years, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Asylum.
2. Paying patients admitted by the Central Committee, without Election, and at any time. The charges vary according to the requirements and circumstances of the friends of applicants.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the "General Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain if there be a reasonable probability that the Candidates will be benefited by the system adopted in the Asylum, and decide the terms on which they ought to be admitted. Previously to the election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—In order to meet the various opinions entertained as to the proper mode of electing patients, Subscribers have the option of voting directly, by means of voting papers; or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for Votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of Five Guineas have a Life Vote, and Annual Subscribers of Half-a-Guinea an Annual Vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

VOTES OF MINISTERS.—Any Minister preaching, or lending his pulpit for, a Sermon on behalf of the Institution, has a Vote for Life. The Minister of the Place of Worship where the Collection is made, is also entitled to Life Votes for the amount thus raised, at the rate of One Vote for every Five Guineas.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every Ten Guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The Government of the Institution is confided to—

- (a) A Central Committee, which consists of Representatives from each of the Local Committees, and of Fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, to be chosen at the General Annual Meeting.
- (b) County Committees, constituted by the Members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Asylum.
- (c) Local Committees, for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Asylum. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one Representative to the Central Committee, and an additional Representative for each entire Thousand Guineas in Donations after the first Thousand Guineas, and for each entire Fifty Guineas in Annual Subscriptions after the first Fifty Guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions. Of the 533 patients now in the Asylum, 243 belong to Lancashire, 178 to Yorkshire, 33 to Durham, 31 to Cheshire, 23 to Cumberland, 15 to Northumberland, 7 to Westmorland. Three full payment cases belong to counties not included in the Asylum district.

Testimony to the successful working of the Royal Albert Asylum has been borne by the Commissioners in Lunacy; by the late Dr. Seguin, of New York; and by other eminent authorities. The *Manchester Guardian*, *Manchester Examiner*, *Manchester Courier*, *Liverpool Courier*, *Leeds Mercury*, *Sheffield Independent*, *Bradford Observer*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Preston Herald*, *Halifax Courier*, *Southport Visiter*, and other leading journals, have sent Special Correspondents to describe the daily life of the Institution.

The OBJECT being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee now confidently appeal for help to raise the Idiot and Imbecile from their state of wasteful sloth, physical deterioration, and mental and moral darkness. Owing to inadequacy of income the accommodation provided is not yet fully utilised, although the Applications for Admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested, under Rule 36, for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Reports, Pamphlets, Regulations of Admission, and other information, will be gladly supplied by the General Secretary, Mr. James Diggins, Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster.

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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT MANCHESTER.

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The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Manchester, on Friday, October 17th, 1884;

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF MANCHESTER,

(P. GOLDSCHMIDT, Esq.),

IN THE CHAIR.

The Proceedings having been opened with prayer by the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar of Lancaster, the Report of the Central Committee was presented by the General Secretary (Mr. James Diggins), and the Chairman addressed the Meeting.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed :—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented; and recognising with satisfaction many encouraging proofs of progress, and desiring that the vacant accommodation of the Asylum may soon be fully utilised, this Meeting earnestly commends the charitable work of the Royal Albert Asylum to the increased sympathy and support of the benevolent public of Manchester and of the Associated Counties generally.

Moved by the Right Hon. Lord Winmarleigh, Chairman of the Central Committee; seconded by the Rev. Canon Hornby, Rector of Bury.

- 2.—That this Meeting gratefully acknowledges the past services of the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee, and of the Secretary, Mr. Diggins; and, in compliance with Rule 24, this Meeting hereby appoints the Right Hon. Lord Winmarleigh, and the following gentlemen, Members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year :—

REV. CANON ALLEN, D.D.	CHR. JOHNSON, Esq., F.R.C.S.	REV. C. T. ROYDS, M.A.
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ALBERT GREG, Esq.	EDWARD G. PALEY, Esq.	THOMAS STOREY, Esq.
W. H. HIGGIN, Esq., Q.C.	WILLIAM ROPER, Esq.	

Moved by the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton; seconded by Edward S. Heywood, Esq., Manchester.

- 3.—That this Meeting respectfully requests the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton and the following gentlemen (with power to add to their number) to act as the Manchester and Salford Committee for the promotion of the objects of the Royal Albert Asylum.

RIGHT HON. LORD EGERTON OF TATTON, Chairman.	HENRY BROWNE, Esq., M.D.
EDWARD S. HEYWOOD, Esq., Treasurer.	REV. JOHN CHIPPINDALL, M.A.
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	MR. JAMES DIGGENS, Secretary.

Moved by J. P. Chamberlain Starkie, Esq. (Vice-Chairman of the House Committee); seconded by the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar of Lancaster; supported by J. H. Hammond, Esq., M.D., Preston.

- 4.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditor, Thomas Storey, Esq., and to Mr. William G. Welch, Professional Auditor, for their careful Audit of the Accounts of the Asylum for the past year, and for their examination of the Securities held on the Sustentation Fund Account; and this Meeting, in compliance with Rule 34, hereby appoints for the ensuing year, Albert Greg, Esq., as Honorary Auditor, and Mr. William G. Welch, as Professional Auditor.

Moved by Henry Garnett, Esq., Wyreside, Lancaster (Chairman of the Finance Committee); seconded by Richard Hurst, Esq., Rochdale.

- 5.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of this Institution be held at Carlisle, on Wednesday, September 30th, 1885, and that notice thereof be given in the Lancaster, Carlisle, Newcastle, Durham, Kendal, York, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, and Chester Newspapers.

Moved by the Worshipful the Mayor of Chester (C. Brown, Esq.); seconded by Thomas Storey, Esq. (Vice-Chairman of the House Committee).

- 6.—A cordial Vote of Thanks to the Chairman was moved by J. W. Maclure, Esq. Manchester; and seconded by the Worshipful the Mayor of Lancaster (S. J. Harris, Esq.).

The Mayor of Manchester (P. Goldschmidt, Esq.) afterwards entertained a large party at Luncheon in the Town Hall, including the Right Hon. Lord Winmarleigh, Chairman of the Central Committee; the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, John Slagg, Esq., M.P., Benjamin Armitage, Esq., M.P., the Mayor of Salford (Alderman Makinson), the Mayor of Lancaster (S. J. Harris, Esq.), the Mayor of Chester (C. Brown, Esq.), the Ven. Archdeacon Anson, Canon Hornby, Canon Powell, Canon Allen, H. Garnett, Esq., J. P. C. Starkie, Esq., Thos. Storey, Esq., Edward S. Heywood Esq., J. W. Maclure, Esq., Dr. Hammond, Richard Hurst, Esq., Colonel Hutchinson S. Rigby, Esq., T. U. Brocklehurst, Esq., G. C. Dewhurst, Esq., J. J. Worthington Esq., and other gentlemen.

REPORT

Presented at the General Annual Meeting,

Held at the Town Hall, Manchester October 17th, 1884.

IN presenting their Twentieth Annual Report, the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum desire to congratulate the Subscribers generally upon the present prosperous condition of the Institution. They have great pleasure in again meeting the Manchester and South Lancashire Subscribers and Friends. Manchester, with characteristic generosity, has always given the Institution its hearty and liberal support. On two occasions the Local Committee has successfully appealed to the charitable sentiment of the district. In 1870 a Banquet in connection with the first Election of Patients was held at the Town Hall, when the Earl of Derby presided, and the sum of £2,700 was obtained; and on the occasion of the Banquet at the Assize Courts, in 1875, under the presidency of Lord Winmarleigh, contributions amounting to £4,450 in Donations and £96 in Annual Subscriptions were announced. In 1872, the General Annual Meeting was held at the Town Hall, under the presidency of the Lord Bishop of Manchester, of whose cordial interest in the Asylum the Central Committee have had many proofs. Some earnest friends, as Mr Robert Gladstone, Mr. Hugh Birley, Mr. J. A. Bremner, Mr. John Fernley, and Mr. W. Atkinson, now rest from their labours, but their worthy memory is gratefully cherished. And among those who happily survive none has shown a more devoted interest in the Royal Albert Asylum than Mr. Edward S. Heywood, the local treasurer, who on all occasions has cheerfully responded to the calls of the Committee, whether for counsel or for pecuniary assistance. It is cause for congratulation that Lord Egerton of Tatton, has accepted the chairmanship of

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support.

the Local Committee, and it may be expected that, under his Lordship's auspices, further efforts will be made to enlarge the sphere of usefulness of the Institution.

Progress
since
1875.

In 1875 there were 242 patients in the Institution, and the balance then required on General Fund Account for Estate, Buildings, &c., was £20,000. There are now 533 inmates; the General Fund Account has during the past year been closed; and the Maintenance Fund and the Sustentation (Endowment) Fund are steadily growing. All that now remains for the Committee to do is to appeal for continued adequate means for the support of the patients at present in the Asylum, and for additional funds to utilise the still vacant accommodation; and to consider how, as the funds increase, the beneficent operations of the Institution may be best extended and developed.

Quinquennial
Festival
at
Asylum.

The Quinquennial Festival was held at the Asylum, on the 24th of September, 1883. The General Annual Meeting was held in the Brooke Wing, when Lord Winmarleigh, Chairman of the Central Committee, presided. The Banquet took place in the De Vitré Hall, under the presidency of Lord Egerton of Tatton, who ably advocated the claims of the Institution. Among those present were Mr. J. T. Hibbert, M.P., (Under Secretary of State), Chairman of the Lancashire Committee; Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Knt., M.P., Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee and Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee; Sir Edward Ripley, Bart; Mr. F. W. Grafton, M.P., the Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, the Mayor of Lancaster, the Vicar of Lancaster, the Hon. Miss Wilson-Patten, Mrs. Rodgett, and many other excellent friends of the Institution. In the course of his appeal, Lord Egerton said:—

Speech
of
Lord Egerton
of Tatton.

“It was found that throughout England during the last ten years there had been an increase of idiocy, which he supposed roughly corresponded to the increase of population. The increase had been in the Northern Counties from 8104 to 8764. With respect to the Royal Albert Asylum it was very satisfactory to be able to speak of continued increase in the Donations, Legacies, and Annual Subscriptions. But, as had been said, there were still 70 or 80 places to be filled in the Institution. The Donations and Legacies the Institution had received had been, he thought, on a scale almost unprecedented in the history of similar Institutions. One of the latest organisations which had been started in connection with the Asylum seemed to be admirably suited to the work it had to do. He spoke of the Ladies' Association, which had been so successfully established in Durham, Cumberland, and Yorkshire, and whose work could be extended very largely and with wonderful results. He was afraid those admirable organisations

had not yet reached Cheshire, and they had not been promoted so well in the large towns of Lancashire as they had been in other counties. There was another agency on behalf of the Asylum which could be improved, and that was the collections in the churches. In a considerable number of churches, he was aware, the clergy did make collections regularly for the Asylum; but he believed there might be many more of these collections, and he could not think that there were any objects more deserving, or that had a stronger claim upon all than such Institutions as that, which was such an admirable example of Christian charity and helpfulness towards those of their fellow-creatures who could not help themselves. The Institution was not open to the objection which could be made against some other charities, in that it did not in any way destroy self-help or pauperise any class. On the contrary, it encouraged self-help; it made the inmates of the Asylum more useful to themselves and enabled them in many cases even to earn a sufficient livelihood. The Asylum did not by its operations in any way interfere with those natural laws under which the want of self-control or neglect of sanitary or moral laws brought with it its own punishment. In many of the cases of affliction which they saw around them he thought, that they might fairly say that the causes were beyond control, and those cases society at large could fairly be called upon to relieve. He thought they had every reason to be satisfied with the work of that Institution: it was one which called into play those dormant faculties which some of the unfortunate inmates of that Asylum when they came there seemed to be without, and most excellent results had in many cases been achieved. Let them picture to themselves what would have been the case if no institutions of that kind had been brought into existence. Many of the unfortunates who were now receiving useful training in that building would in that case, be wandering about helpless and despised, without, in many instances, being able to control their gestures or their speech, in the streets of our towns and villages; just as they saw was the case in Switzerland, where numbers of poor creatures of the imbecile class were to be met with sitting by the roadsides with no one to care for them, a burden not only to themselves but to the neighbourhoods in which they existed. When such people were admitted to institutions like the Royal Albert Asylum they were treated with that friendliness and skill which brought out all their weak points and all their strong points; their weak points were counteracted by the training they received, and their good points were strengthened until they were raised to a fair condition of education and usefulness. It was satisfactory indeed to find that so very large a proportion of the inmates of the Asylum received great material benefit, and that so few departed without having obtained some distinct benefit in one form or another."

The contributions obtained, with an additional donation of £50 from Lord Winmarleigh, sufficed to clear off the balance of £445 16s. od to the debit of the General Fund.

The financial progress during the year has been satisfactory. Annual Subscriptions are still subject to considerable fluctuation, and the long expected revival of trade has not yet arrived to stimulate liberality in commercial centres. The depression of the agricultural interest has also made itself felt in the Subscription List. It is gratifying, therefore, under these unfavourable circumstances, to note that the entire amount of Annual Subscriptions is £102 4s. 8d.

Financial
Progress
of the year

in excess of what it was last year. This is largely due to the efforts of the Ladies' Associations. The interest on the Sustentation Fund Investments has increased from £2,889 12s. 1d. to £3,338 13s. 7d. The amount received in Donations is less than it was last year, but the liberality of Bradford, under the stimulating influence of the chairman of the Bradford Local Committee (Mr. Joseph Craven), and the eloquent and forcible appeals of the Right Hon. W. E. Forster, M.P., was quite exceptional. It is desirable, in view of the uncertainty of Annual Subscriptions, and the pressing need for an immediate extension of the benefits of the Institution, that this source of income should be well sustained. It is almost impossible for much progress to be made without an increase in the total amount of Donations; indeed, a large sum of this kind is required to sustain the present financial prosperity. The payments for patients have increased from £7,804 11s. 5d. to £8,022 15s. 6d. It may be interesting to state that the contributions received during the year from the parents of Election cases have reached the handsome sum of £554 18s. 2d. The Committee encourage these contributions in every possible way, as not only materially assisting the funds of the Institution, but also as tending to maintain the dependence of the children upon their parents, and to promote the self-respect and self-helpfulness of the parents and relatives. It is found in most of these cases that there is greater interest in the welfare and progress of the patients. Just regard is paid to straitened means in consequence of want of employment, domestic affliction, and other inevitable contingencies of life; and every care is taken, after strict inquiry, that the scanty resources of industrious and respectable families are not crippled by the inflexible exaction of such payments. At the last election no fewer than 84 candidates out of a total of 107 offered contributions varying from £2 to £15 15s. per annum. The sum of £149 has also been paid towards the Maintenance of Election Cases who have completed their period of training, but whose friends have arranged for their remaining in the Asylum at the discretion of the Committee. Most of these patients are usefully employed in the service of the Institution. It is the desire of the Committee, as far as opportunity offers, to fill up vacancies in the industrial and

domestic staff, with patients whose training has enabled them to do regular and useful work.

The average weekly cost of maintenance per patient during the financial year has been 12s. 8½d., but this sum includes building and furnishing items, which, for the year, amount to £1,044 19s. 9d. Without such charges, the average weekly cost is 11s. 11d. Weekly Cost.

Reference is made to the Auditor's Report, which shows that the accounts have been thoroughly investigated, and that the result is satisfactory. Mr. Welch has now had ten years' experience of this work, which has been performed in a painstaking and complete manner. The securities, books, and accounts are, whenever required, handed over to the Auditor for independent examination. In the final audit, Mr. Storey was associated as representative of the Central Committee. Auditor's Report.

The benefits of the Institution are primarily intended for the children of the independent poor, and not for the pauper class, for whose relief the Poor Laws should provide. At present there is a considerable number of pauper patients in the Asylum. As additional funds are supplied, these children may have to be discharged to make room for those belonging to the classes immediately above them. Excellent provision has been made, under Act 30 Vict. c. 6, for the care and training of pauper idiots in the metropolis; and what has been done so beneficially for metropolitan idiots, ought surely to be done for the same class in other parts of the country. This subject demands the earnest practical consideration of statesmen and philanthropists. There were at the last census of 1881 no fewer than 32,717 persons in England and Wales returned as Idiots and Imbeciles, and 8,782 were between 5 years and 20. At least 25 per cent. may be added to these totals as an approximation to the actual number, owing to the great difficulty of procuring accurate returns of idiots and imbeciles. With this addition, and calculating also for the growth of population since the last census, it is estimated that there are probably in England and Wales, in round numbers 43,000 idiots and imbeciles, of whom 11,500 are under 20 years of age, a large proportion at that period of Legislation for Pauper Idiots.

life being suitable objects for training. It appears that about two-thirds of the total number of the cases returned may be considered as chargeable to the poor rates. For these the State ought to provide training schools and custodial establishments. Many are now crowded into workhouses and lunatic asylums, where they cannot receive any special attention in the way of education or training, and where the injurious associations are only too likely to cause still further deterioration. It would probably be found on inquiry that the present law is sufficient for making special provision for this necessitous class.

Modification
of
Lunacy Laws.

For imbeciles of the non-pauper classes some modification of the present law is urgently needed. The Act 16 & 17 Vict., c. 97, defines "lunatic" to include "every person being an idiot." "Imbecile" and "Feeble-minded" are words which have no legal recognition. Such children cannot be received, for education and training, into institutions like the Royal Albert Asylum without all the certificates and technical formalities which are, properly enough, insisted upon with respect to raving lunatics sent to public and private lunatic asylums. But the Act 25 & 26 Vict., c. 43, empowers boards of guardians to send pauper children to schools certified by the Local Government Board, and the word "school" is defined by section 10 to extend to any institution for the instruction of idiots. These institutions ought to be regarded as "schools," and no legal obstacle should be placed in the way of parents seeking to have their mentally-defective children taught and trained. It is imbecile and feeble-minded children who are likely to derive the greatest benefit from the educational advantages of such institutions, and, from various motives, parents are reluctant to have their weak-minded children branded as idiots, and to inflict upon their other children the supposed stigma of a brother or sister being an inmate of an Idiot Asylum. Cases have frequently come under the notice of the Committee where wealthy parents have, from such causes, declined to send their children to the Royal Albert Asylum, and the possibility of effectual means of amelioration has been sacrificed. The Committee are disposed, therefore, to press for such relaxation of the present statutory requirements as will enable imbecile young persons to be received into training institutions with as much facility

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as the blind and the deaf and dumb can now be sent to their proper schools. There ought to be perfect freedom of reception, whatever strict system of subsequent inspection and investigation may be devised. As one of the possible developments of their benevolent work, the Committee hope to be able to offer the advantages of a Day School to the children of those wealthy persons who would prefer for them non-residence in the Asylum, and whose payments for these special privileges would be on a very profitable scale.

At the date of the last Report there were in the Asylum 516 patients, viz., 342 boys and 174 girls. There are now 533, viz., 364 boys and 169 girls. The average number resident during the year has been 512. There have been 65 admissions, 34 discharges, and 14 deaths; and hence the net increase is only 17. It is the earnest desire of the Committee to utilise the vacant accommodation. Of the present inmates, 325 are election cases, 174 reduced-payment cases, 11 full-payment cases, 14 associated and private cases, 5 life-interest cases, and 4 presentation cases. The patients may also be classified according to the Counties from which they have been received:—

Number
and
Classification
of
Patients.

LANCASHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	243
YORKSHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	178
DURHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
CHESHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
CUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
WESTMORLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
OTHER COUNTIES	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

533

The Contributions for the past year from the Seven Associated Counties have been as specified in the following table:—

Contributions
from
Associated
Counties.

COUNTIES.	Maintenance Fund.		General Fund.	Sustenta- tion Fund	TOTAL.
	Annual Subscrip- tions.	Donations	Donations	Legacies.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
LANCASHIRE	1543 10 6	169 5 0	192 6 0	1720 18 7	3626 0 1
YORKSHIRE	1503 16 6	498 17 9	37 10 0	537 10 0	2577 14 3
CHESHIRE	144 1 0	179 15 0	105 0 0	.....	428 16 0
WESTMORLAND	117 10 0	1 13 6	10 0 0	.....	129 3 6
CUMBERLAND	370 9 6	*84 6 0	100 0 0	.....	554 15 6
DURHAM.. .. .	502 3 8	5 4 0	.....	.....	507 7 8
NORTHUMBERLAND	86 15 0	5 5 0	1 0 0	.....	48 0 0
	4218 6 2	944 6 3	445 16 0	2258 8 7	7866 17 0

* This includes a Legacy of £9.

Legacies.

Again the Institution has been favoured with several handsome Legacies, and the interest and dividends derived from investments on Sustentation Fund Account now form an important item of income. An ample Sustentation Fund gives stability to the Institution, and its steady growth will enable the Committee to entertain practical suggestions for extending the scope of their beneficent operations, and for such structural additions and improvements as the exigencies of a more complete classification may require. It has afforded the Committee much pleasure to be able to associate the names of certain munificent benefactors, as the late Miss Brackenbury, Mr. James Wrigley, and Mr. Asa Lees—each of whom made a bequest of £10,000—with prominent parts of the Asylum, and they intend, as opportunity arises, to continue this plan. During the year an intimation has been received that the late Mrs. R. B. Dodgson, of Beardwood, Blackburn, has bequeathed to the Asylum the munificent legacy of £10,000. This amount is expected to be paid in the course of a few months. Several other legacies are outstanding. The following legacies have actually been received during the year :—

	£	s.	d.
Richard Newsham, Preston	1000	0	0
Miss E. A. Ball, Southport	620	18	7
John Brown, Rotherham	337	10	0
James Slingsby, Farnhill Hall, Skipton	200	0	0
George Wright, Southport	100	0	0
Miss Mary Armstrong, Carlisle	9	0	0

The Committee are glad to observe the various amounts of the foregoing legacies, and they trust that the Institution will continue to be remembered by Subscribers when arranging for the final disposal of their property. Legacies, under the Rules of this Institution, afford an excellent means of permanently benefiting a County, as perpetuated votes for such amounts are vested in the County Committees.

Ladies' Associations.

Great advantages continue to be derived from the co-operation of Ladies' Associations, whose objects are to collect funds, and to seek out, and facilitate the admission of, suitable and necessitous cases into the Institution. No opportunity is lost of organising such Associations, and there has now been sufficient experience to encourage their

formation in the various cities, towns, and villages of the North of England. There are 190 places in the Seven Associated Counties from which the present inmates have been received, and it is the desire of the Committee that in each of these places there should be some voluntary organisation for the collection of contributions, and for this work the assistance of Ladies would be of inestimable value. As a proof of the zeal with which the existing organisations labour, quotation is made from the recent Report of the Committee of the Durham Ladies Association :

“ The Committee of the Durham Ladies’ Association for the Royal Albert Asylum are very sorry to report a great falling off in the amount collected this year in the County by their Association ; every Receivership, save three, has sent in less money than last year. Whilst wishing to make every allowance on account of the depression in trade, they cannot help urging on their fellow workers the necessity of making widely known the claim for support that the Asylum has on all classes in the County. They fear that this claim is by many either unknown or not sufficiently realised, more especially in village districts, where, during the time of a child’s standing for election, or possibly for one or two years after its admission into the Asylum, a collection for the charity is made, but afterwards the collection fails, either wholly or partially ; the child is certainly safe in the Asylum, but at the cost of £30 per annum. If the subscriptions fail, the County cannot elect so many fresh cases, and this is detrimental to those seeking admission to the Institution.

Durham.

“ The Committee are of opinion that in Towns the best way of gathering subscriptions is to increase the number of collectors, and to appoint to each a small district. The plan has been adopted this year in South Shields ; twenty collectors were appointed, and the result has been most satisfactory, the amount collected being much more than in any former year.”

In the last Annual Report of the Central Committee, reference was made to the formation of a Bradford Ladies’ Association. The operations of this Association have for the first year been very successful, and have resulted in the addition of £319 8s. 3d. to the Maintenance Fund. There has been an increase of £306 14s. 7d. in the contributions received from the Ladies’ Associations during the year.

Bradford.

	Annual Subs.			Donations.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
DURHAM	352	5	8	...	...	...	352	5	8
BRADFORD	123	10	0	195	18	3	319	8	3
CUMBERLAND	248	5	6	59	11	0	307	16	6
HALIFAX	219	13	11	15	18	9	235	12	8
LEEDS	108	10	7	17	15	4	126	5	11
YORK	87	12	0	8	10	0	96	2	0
WHALLEY RANGE (Manchester) ...	47	3	6	...	...	...	47	3	6
SOUTHPORT... ..	19	9	6	0	2	6	19	12	0
THIRSK	3	3	0	5	5	0	8	8	0
	1209	13	8	303	0	10	1512	14	6

Other ladies, as under, have also collected :—

	Annual Subs.			Donations.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
HULL.—Mrs. Hutchinson	24	3	0	0	17	0	25	0	0
SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.—Mrs. H. S. Stobart	11	11	0	5	9	0	17	0	0

Assistance
to
Discharged
Patients.

It is felt that, in another direction, the assistance of Ladies' Associations might be most charitably and usefully accorded. Without any desire to make such co-operation burdensome, the Committee would respectfully invite ladies to exercise some kind of friendly supervision over discharged patients—especially girls—and to endeavour to obtain for them suitable employment. It sometimes happens that, from the want of judicious treatment and suitable occupation, patients who have greatly improved and were able to do much useful work in the Asylum, lose some of the advantages of their special training, and deteriorate seriously. There is great difficulty, without charitable help, in discharged patients competing successfully in the struggle for existence. They peculiarly require 'a voice of comfort and an open hand of help.' It is unreasonable to expect that these poor imbeciles' with inherently weak and defective capacities, which isolate and cut them off from the cheerful ways of other people, can live and thrive without assistance and the 'answering looks of sympathy and love.'

Inspection
of
Asylum.

Increased interest in the Asylum is likely to result from an inspection of it, and the Committee lose no opportunity of urging the Subscribers and Friends to see for themselves what is being accomplished for ameliorating the condition of the patients. Such visits are always welcome, and every facility is afforded both by the Medical Superintendent and the Secretary. It is especially gratifying to be able to report two visits made by deputations from Ladies' Associations. In July, a party of twelve Leeds Ladies, accompanied by several members of the Local Committee, visited the Asylum, and made a thorough inspection of its various departments; and quite recently, about twenty ladies connected with the Bradford Association, similarly spent an afternoon at the Asylum, and evinced their appreciation of its benevolent work by the following entry in the Visitors' Book :

"The whole party expressed the greatest satisfaction with all the arrangements made for the moral, mental, and physical well-being of the patients, and found the Institution in the most perfect order."

To the various Local Committees the Asylum is still under great obligations. Without such auxiliaries it would be impossible to sustain and extend the general interest in the Asylum. Thanks are particularly due to those Committees which have aided in the formation of Ladies' Associations, and such commendable assistance in other districts is earnestly solicited.

Local
Committees

Much valuable help has been received from Clergymen and Ministers, some of whom make annual collections for the Asylum. It is the intention of the Committee to make a general appeal for such co-operation. Many of the applicants for admission are introduced to the notice of the Committee by Clergymen and Ministers, and, in all such cases, it is not too much to expect that congregational collections in aid of the funds of the Institution should be promoted. The following have made collections during the past year:—

Collections.

Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas' Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. John Crawford, Christ Church, East Knottingley.
 Rev. J. Hammersley, Alithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands.
 Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre, Garstang.
 Rev. John Mathwin, West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.
 Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's Church Vicarage, Keswick.
 Rev. Thomas H. Pain, M.A., Warton.
 Rev. T. Jackson Smith, St. Thomas's Church, Bedford Leigh.
 Rev. W. Stocks, St. Leonard's Church, Downham, Clitheroe.
 Rev. T. Windsor, Congregational Church, Skipton.

Among the Associated Counties, Cheshire has not hitherto taken a very prominent position in support of the Asylum. It was at the earnest request of influential gentlemen belonging to the county that Cheshire was admitted to share in the benefits of the Asylum, but though liberal contributions have been made by some of the leading nobility and gentry, no wide-spread interest has been evoked. The Central Committee, having secured the presence and powerful support of His Grace the Duke of Westminster, K.G., and Lord Egerton of Tatton, determined to hold an Election of Patients at Chester, on June 6th. At that Election there were 107 eligible candidates from the Associated Counties for 50 vacancies. From Lancashire there were 45 candidates for 24 vacancies; Yorkshire, 40 candidates for 16 vacancies; Cheshire, 9 candidates for 3 vacancies; Cumberland, 6 candidates for 3 vacancies; Northumberland, 1 candidate for 1 vacancy. There was no candidate from Westmorland.

Meeting
at
Chester.

Excellent addresses were delivered by the Chairman (the Duke of Westminster), and by Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Bishop of Chester, the Dean of Chester, and other influential friends. The Central Committee was represented by Lord Winmarleigh, Sir Edward Ripley, Bart., Mr. J. P. C. Starkie, Mr. T. Storey, Rev. C. T. Royds, Mr. E. S. Heywood, Mr. J. Craven, Mr. Albert Greg, Rev. D. Davis, Mr. J. C. Moon, &c. The cordial thanks of the Committee are tendered to the Mayor of Chester, (C. Brown, Esq.,) for his generous hospitality, and for kindly placing at the service of the Committee several rooms required for the purposes of the Election. In urging the claims of the Institution, the noble Chairman said:—

Speech
of the
Duke of
Westminster.

“The asylum had been throughout, speaking generally, very well supported, but he was sorry to say that Cheshire had not done its share. It appeared that Cheshire sent up 28 patients, but did not pay for the whole cost of their maintenance. He thought, however, he had only to bring this fact before the minds of the people of Cheshire to cause them to devise some means whereby this reproach would be taken away. Their deficiency amounted to £210 a year, and had had to be provided for out of the subscriptions of the neighbouring county, Lancashire. This was not as it should be, and he hoped he had only to mention the matter to create a determination on the part of Cheshire to make good the deficiency that now existed. He might state that in some other counties ladies' associations had been established and that a very considerable sum had been raised as the result of their efforts. He thought it was well worth the consideration of the Cheshire people whether they should not follow the example which other counties had set in this respect and establish a ladies' association for the purpose of assisting in raising funds for this good object. He was glad to say—and it was a point which commended itself to him—that there was no canvassing of subscribers in connection with the election of patients to this asylum; it was a matter indeed for satisfaction that the demoralising and heartbreaking and altogether abominable system of canvassing did not obtain in connection with that asylum. Some persons might think that idiots should be sent to lunatic asylums, but it had been found that the mixing up of the idiot class with lunatics did them altogether harm. The associations of a lunatic asylum were of course extremely depressing, and idiots could not in such a place receive that special treatment which was found to be so necessary for the effecting of any improvement or cure. The advantages arising from a distinctive treatment of this class of sufferers were now so well established and were so very remarkable that there could be no question whatever as to the beneficial results of separate treatment in special asylums. It had been found that a certain proportion of idiots were placed in a position to support themselves as a result of the treatment they received, that a large proportion derived so much benefit that they could dispense with the supervision which under other circumstances would be necessary, and that a larger number were enabled to get along with less care and attention than they previously required. The State took care of lunatics, but it seemed right and proper that philanthropy should undertake the maintenance, care, and treatment of this unfortunate class. Charity undertook to a certain extent the charge of the blind and of the deaf and dumb in England. Very much had been done in their case, but very much more still required to be done. As instances of what could

be accomplished by persons who had been deprived of the sense of sight, he pointed to the cases of Mr. Fawcett, the Postmaster General, and the Principal of Norwood College for the Blind. As regarded the blind and the deaf and dumb and the imbeciles, it was, he maintained, the duty of society to help them to rise, at all events one rung in the ladder of life, and to raise them from what must often be as to many of them the lowest depths of degradation. He appealed, therefore, to the people of Cheshire especially to make good the deficiency to which allusion had been made, to help to maintain those who were already within the pale of this admirable institution, and to assist others who were outside that pale and who might be in a very low state without any possible chance of improvement—without a ray of light or of hope.

An additional donation of £100, and an additional annual subscription of £10 were contributed by the Duke of Westminster; and Mr. R. S. Hudson, of Chester, also promised a donation of £100, and doubled his annual subscription of £10 10s. Other contributions were received. It will be seen that the Institution has lost a good friend by the death of Mr. R. S. Hudson, who was solicitous that Cheshire should take an honourable place among the Counties interested in the Charity. It is expected that, under influential auspices, a Ladies' Association will shortly be established in Cheshire; and it is gratifying to be able to announce that the Duke of Westminster has most kindly accepted the chairmanship of the Cheshire Committee.

Additional
Contributions
from
Cheshire.

Valuable assistance continues to be received from the Press. The proceedings at public meetings in aid of the Institution are always well reported, and important help is otherwise rendered in diffusing information about the Asylum. The Editor of the *Bradford Daily Telegraph* having visited the Asylum wrote an admirable article descriptive of its work. A lady who has for many years taken an interest in the Asylum, paid it an unexpected visit, and a few days afterwards there appeared in the *Sheffield Independent* a graphic and touching account of her inspection, extracts from which are appended to this Report.

Assistance
of the
Press.

Contributions are occasionally received directly from organisations of the Working Classes. An additional donation of £21 from the Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society is gratefully acknowledged. Other Co-operative and Friendly Societies regularly subscribe, and their example might be more generally followed. Such support would be cordially welcomed by Ladies' Associations or Local

Contributions
of
Working
Classes.

Committees, or by the Central Committee. It is working-class families which derive most benefit from the Asylum, and though individually much pecuniary assistance cannot be given, it might in the aggregate amount to a considerable sum. In several cases the friends of poor patients give small donations or subscriptions besides their regular contributions towards the support of their relatives.

Sundry
Gifts.

Sundry gifts of books, illustrated papers, pictures, toys, &c., are frequently received. Useful service to the Institution is otherwise rendered, and grateful mention may here be made of a gift by Messrs. Storey Bros. & Co. of certain articles of machinery, and of labour required in fitting up a new washing apparatus, the need for which had long been urgently felt.

Improvements

Various other improvements have been effected. An external stove for drying beds, &c., has been erected. Anxious attention has also been given to the subject of the best methods and appliances for the prevention and extinction of fire, and for the safety of the inmates in such an emergency. A Fire Brigade of officials and attendants has long been organised, but a code of rules has recently been adopted and printed. Telephonic communication has been established between the Asylum and the office of the Lancaster Fire Brigade.

Farm and
Garden.

The Farm and Garden have been united under one management, and the experiment has so far worked very satisfactorily. The Farm Bailiff is assiduous in his attention to the interests of his department, and employs the patients committed to his care in a useful and systematic manner. No occupation seems so congenial and so conducive to the development of both body and mind in imbeciles as Farm and Garden work; and, on the most practical grounds, its extension is to be desired. All the fresh vegetables consumed at the Asylum are obtained from the Kitchen Garden of 5 acres; and the Farm of 82 acres supplies milk, beef, mutton, pork, poultry, eggs, potatoes, turnips, &c. In addition to about 70 gallons of milk per diem obtained from the Farm, a quantity of 60 gallons per diem is purchased. Besides what is required for home consumption, a large quantity of excellent butter is sent

to market, and always finds a ready sale. Certain alterations and extensions might be profitably made at the Farm, and the work must be undertaken as soon as the funds permit.

Another great desideratum for the efficient and agreeable working of the Asylum is a Recreation Hall. The present Dining Hall (De Vitré Hall) will seat about 300 patients, and is the only room also available for concerts and other entertainments. The inadequacy of such accommodation is obvious, even as regards the present necessities of the Institution. The De Vitré Hall cannot be enlarged; and it remains, therefore, for the Central Committee to plead earnestly with their wealthy and liberal-minded friends, in the hope that, as in the case of the Rodgett Infirmary, some one may generously come forward to erect a commodious Hall which shall commemorate his beneficence, and rank among the most desirable adjuncts to a complete Institution. Other Asylums in the country have large Recreation Halls.

Recreation
Hall.

The Committee have to deplore the loss by death of the zealous co-operation of Mr. W. E. Glyde, of Bradford, who had been associated with the Asylum almost from the time of its origin. Mr. Glyde was also a useful member of the Bradford and Yorkshire Committees. The death of Mr. W. Foster, of Hornby Castle, has deprived the Institution of one who felt a growing interest in its welfare. Last autumn Mr. Foster invited about a hundred of the inmates to an entertainment in his park, but, owing to the inclemency of the weather, the children, to their intense disappointment, were unable to avail themselves of the invitation. The provisions were, however, forwarded to the Asylum for enjoyment at home. The late Mr. Richard Newsham, though not a member of the Central Committee, was a generous contributor to the funds of the Institution, and, in his capacity of Chairman of the Preston Local Committee, was ever ready to further the objects of the Central Committee. In addition to numerous donations, Mr. Newsham bequeathed the sum of £1,000 to the Sustentation Fund. The following gentlemen have joined the Central Committee since the last Annual Meeting:—Mr. B. S. Brigg,

Changes
in the
Central
Committee.

Keighley ; Mr. T. U. Brocklehurst, Henbury Hall, Cheshire ; Mr. Charles Brown, (Mayor of Chester), Chester ; Mr. John B. Dewhurst, Skipton ; Mr. William H. Foster, Hornby Castle, Lancaster ; Mr. Charles France, Bradford ; Mr. Francis M. Lupton, Leeds ; Mr. Frederick Priestman, Bradford ; and Mr. Alfred Sharp, Bingley.

Report
of
Medical
Superinten-
dent.

The Report of the Medical Superintendent (Dr. Shuttleworth) to the Central Committee deals with the internal work of the Asylum. Attention is directed to the very important inference that the rate of mortality among idiots from 5 to 20 years of age is about nine times as great as that of sound-minded children. If the accuracy of that statement can be fully established, issues of no small moment are raised. Idiocy and Imbecility are intimately connected with physical disorganisation and defect. The half-dormant mental faculties are oppressed by physical infirmities, and 'all the wheels of being,' jarring and dissonant, move slowly. Body and mind being so closely and strongly linked together, every care must be taken to avoid undue strain, either mental or physical. The instruction and training must proceed cautiously, and in strict accordance with physiological laws. It is evident that far too much in the way of improvement may be expected from youth so slenderly equipped in mental capacity and physical resources. Hence the need for a skilful physician to foster and develop the feeble faculties, and to study individual aptitudes—the bent and drift of the whole being.

Rodgett
Infirmery.

The presence of any severe epidemic of disease among such frail children naturally causes much anxiety ; and the great value of the Rodgett Infirmery, which ensures at the outbreak of any infectious disease complete isolation, skilled nursing, and medical treatment under the most favourable conditions, is increasingly realised and most thankfully appreciated.

Condition
of
Establishment

The general condition of the Establishment is satisfactory. The health of the patients has been good. Gratifying progress is being made in scholastic and industrial training. To some who are brought into close contact with the patients, the work may be peculiarly

irksome, and changes in the staff arise which increase the difficulty of management. But to many members of the staff the work has peculiar attractions, and such ungrudging service is rendered as deserves full recognition. Every desire is manifested to alleviate and brighten the lives of those upon whom rests the shadow of a life-long calamity. Favourable testimony, as the Visitors' Book shows, is often borne to the kind treatment of the patients, their contented and even happy appearance, and the cleanliness and good order of the Institution.

After careful inquiry, Mrs. Williams was selected from a large number of candidates for the office of Matron, and it is hoped that her previous experience will prove of advantage, both in the domestic management of the Institution and in assuring that kind, tender, motherly care which is so essential for the imbecile inmates.

Matron.

Grateful appreciation by the parents and friends is very pleasing; and quotations are now made from reports forwarded to the Asylum after patients have been home for their Annual holiday in the month of August. This testimony amply corroborates the good opinion expressed by other witnesses.

Testimony
of
Friends
of
Patients.

1.—“ William has been spending four weeks' holiday with his parents, and the following points of improvement have been observed :—He is more self-reliant ; he is more intelligent, and better able to understand points in conversation ; he has improved in writing, drawing, and music ; he is improved in his personal habits ; his general health is better : altogether his progress is very gratifying.”

2.—“ I am very well pleased to inform you that Thomas has mended surprisingly in every respect. His health has been very good, and he has been very clean in every respect. I have kept him to his writing and figuring.”

3.—“ I am glad to say that my son Henry is better in every way than he was last time we had him at home ; he is more sensible and quiet, and has been very little trouble to us.”

4.—“ He notices more, and seems to feel joy and sorrow much keener than last year. His memory is remarkably good, and his mental faculties seem to have advanced as much as any ordinary boy, with the surroundings of his daily life, during the twelve months since I last saw him.”

5.—“ I am glad to say my son is very much improved, both mentally and physically, and we feel much more hopeful that with the training he is receiving at your excellent Institution, he may yet be able to earn his own livelihood.”

6.—“ The patient is much stronger and healthier, and considerably improved mentally and in habits of tidiness. He also seems more inclined to work, and is very obedient. All of his relatives express themselves greatly pleased with his improvement in every respect, and wish to express their thanks to the gentlemen and officials connected with the Royal Albert for the kindness shown to the patient.”

7.—“ He seems much more composed and quiet in his demeanour and manner generally. He is more thoughtful, perhaps growing in

intelligence ; but does not look quite so strong physically. I suspect the consciousness of deficiency is dawning upon his mind."

8.—" I am glad to say that she is much improved in habits and is better in every respect to ever I have seen before, for which I am very thankful."

9.—" I have great pleasure in stating that my daughter is greatly improved in every way, her disposition being much brighter and cheerful, and her habits and appearance give the greatest satisfaction, which reflects great credit for the treatment and kindness she has received."

10.—" I am pleased to say that my daughter is better in her general health than she was last year, and there is also a great improvement in her habits every way. She sews very nicely, and she is greatly improved as to the care she takes of her person. Memory is wonderfully improved ; her physical condition is much better than when she first left home, her left hand and foot are much stronger."

11.—" I must tender my sincere thanks for your kindness to my daughter, and I am pleased with the very marked improvement in her, and she seems to be in good health, and very happy as far as she is able to understand. Accept my thanks."

12.—" We are very happy to inform you that it is our opinion that our daughter has greatly improved since we had her with us last. Her ways, her movements about the house, and answers to our questions in general, all go to show to us that there is a wonderful improvement in her."

Conclusion.

In bringing this Report to a conclusion, the Committee are glad to be able to congratulate the Subscribers upon this review of the work of the year. The Institution is in a prosperous state ; there has been steady, sure progress, the best harbinger of permanent success ; and, with further proofs of that noble generosity which has hitherto characterised the support afforded, there is every expectation that the Royal Albert Asylum will, in due time, realise developments undreamt of by its first energetic promoters. Vigilant care is exercised in the collection and administration of the funds ; the various departments of the Institution are efficiently managed ; good results are being achieved in the training of the patients, and gleams of solace are being shed upon lives which else would have been stunted and sunless ; and society is gaining by the withdrawal of feeble, useless, and demoralising members of the community until they have become less burdensome to their relatives. The Committee feel that the benevolent work in which they are engaged deserves the fullest confidence, sympathy, and support. With devout thankfulness for the goodly measure of success which has accompanied their labours in the past, they humbly invoke the Divine blessing upon such future work as they may be permitted to undertake.

WINMARLEIGH,

CHAIRMAN.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my Fourteenth General Report, extending from August 31st, 1883, to August 29th, 1884, I beg to submit to your notice facts and figures bearing upon the state of the Establishment during the past year.

At the date of my last Report the number of patients in the Institution was 516, (342 males and 174 females); it is now 533, (364 males and 169 females.) The aggregate increase has been 17; but it will be observed that while there are 22 additional male patients, the number of females is less by 5.

Number
of
Patients

The following changes have occurred:—

Admissions	47	Males, 18	Females.	Total 65.
Discharges	20	„ 14	„	„ 34.
Deaths	5	„ 9	„	„ 14.

The average number resident during the year has been 512; and the aggregate number under care and training, 581.

The growing preponderance in the number of male over that of female patients calls for a few words of explanation. It is accounted for this year by the facts that while the deaths and discharges of females happen to have been disproportionately numerous, comparatively few girls were elected at Chester last June. It is, however, remarkable that not only in the case of this Institution, but also at Earlswood, at the Eastern Counties' Asylum, and at the Darenth Schools for Imbecile Children, the demand for the admission of boys appears to be much in excess of that for the admission of girls. Looking at the Census Returns of 1881 for England and Wales, there is no great disparity between the aggregate number of males and of females described as Idiots and Imbeciles; indeed the females are somewhat in the majority, viz., 16,612, as against 16,105 of the male sex. On analysis of the figures it will be found, however, that the excess in the number of females exists only in the groups of ages above 25 (*i.e.*, from 25 to 65 and upwards), and it seems probable that at these ages many demented persons and others not congenitally imbecile have been included in the

Preponderance
of
Male Patients

returns. Under 20 years of age 5,351 male, and 3,882 female Idiots and Imbeciles were scheduled for the whole of England and Wales, of whom 1,457 males and 1,078 females were resident in the Seven Northern Counties. There is little doubt that these figures are inadequate, as indeed is obvious from the fact that, out of a total population in the Northern Counties of 1,213,800 persons under 5 years of age, no more than 113 (74 males and 39 females) were returned as "idiots and imbeciles" in the appointed column of the Schedules, parents being naturally reluctant to recognise mental infirmity at an early age. Taking, however, the Census Returns as they stand, there were in 1881 2,422 acknowledged Idiots and Imbeciles between 5 and 20 years of age in the district of this Asylum, and of these, 1,383 were males, and 1,039 females. Approximately then we may say that in this country imbecile boys outnumber imbecile girls in the proportion of 4 to 3. The experience of English Idiot Institutions being that the number of boys presented for admission is about double that of girls, it may reasonably be surmised that daughters, if not very deficient, are more readily dealt with at home, training in domestic work being to some extent practicable by a judicious mother. However this may be, there will doubtless always be a much larger demand at the Royal Albert Asylum for male than for female accommodation, and though the classification of the younger boys in connexion with the Girls' Division somewhat adjusts the pressure for room, it seems likely that the uppermost floor of the north-central portion of the Building will before long have to be annexed to the Boys' Department.

Associated Patients.

There has been some improvement in the class of cases admitted during the year as regards mental condition ; and amongst the associated payment patients especially, there is a group of comparatively intelligent youths who furnish for each other, at school and at recreation, pleasant and profitable companionship. These have the advantage of the supervision and society at table of the Assistant Schoolmasters, who also accompany them in their out-door sports and country walks. I specially refer to these arrangements, as parents when making enquiries as to the admission of children but slightly imbecile, sometimes express a natural apprehension lest they should not meet in this Institution with suitable associates.

Discharges.

Of the 34 patients discharged during the year, 8 were much improved by their training in the Institution, 11 moderately improved, 10 only slightly, and 5 were returned as "not improved." Of the last mentioned, 1 was removed by her friends after only 3 months' residence, 2 were dis-

charged on account of severe epilepsy, I was discharged unimproved at the end of a year's probation, while only I seemed unbenefited at the end of the election period. One patient who had reached the end of his term was allowed an additional year in consideration of his progress in the joiner's shop, and though only 16 years of age he is able to do much useful and ornamental work there. In some other cases extension of time was granted conditionally on partial payment by the friends.

In connection with the slighter cases of improvement alluded to, in which amelioration of habits and some increase of self-helpfulness were all that we had been able to achieve, it was very gratifying to find that even these results were much appreciated by the friends. Several bore grateful testimony to their experience that the charge of the children when at home for holidays was less burdensome than formerly; whilst others spoke of the relief the Institution had afforded them in taking charge of the afflicted child whilst the rest of the family were growing up.

Cases of
Improvement.

The death-rate has again been below the average, though fractionally higher than last year. Calculated on the average number resident it is 2·7 per cent., against 3·5 per cent., the average of the preceding 13 years; or if calculated on the aggregate number under care and training it is 2·5, against 2·9. Whilst these rates compare favourably with the mortality of idiots elsewhere, they are of course largely in excess of those prevailing amongst the ordinary population of similar ages; and it would appear from a comparison of the death-statistics of the principal English idiot asylums and of the Registrar-General's annual reports, that from 5 to 20 years of age, the mortality amongst idiots is about nine times as great as that of sound-minded children. This is a most striking illustration of the intimate correlation of mental and physical imperfection in the idiot class. I have dealt more fully with this subject in a paper recently read at a Conference on School Hygiene in connection with the International Health Exhibition.

Mortality.

The causes of death have been of the ordinary character, 10 out of 14 being referred to phthisis and tubercular disease. One poor girl died from epilepsy, and one from the effects of whooping-cough in an enfeebled constitution.

Causes
of
Death.

The last-named was the only death from zymotic disease during the year. Whooping-cough broke out soon after Christmas, and extended altogether to 9 patients, comfortable accommodation for whom was found in the upper storey of the Rodgett Infirmary. A few cases of chicken-pox, and some of Rôtheln—the so-called "German Measles," or

Zymotic
Disease.

Ruby-rash—have also occurred ; but happily the Institution has been free from serious epidemic disease.

Education
and
Training.

The arrangements for education and industrial training have undergone but little change during the year, and for details of acquirements and employments I would refer to the tables printed at the end of this Report. The Teachers are encouraged in their painstaking labour by proofs of progress in many of their pupils, some examples of which will be found in the appended illustrative cases. Specimens of school and industrial work by patients of the Royal Albert Asylum have been exhibited in the Educational Division of the International Health Exhibition, and have served to attract attention to the character of the Institution.

Entertain-
ments.

The provision for recreation is of course an important matter in an Institution for idiots and imbeciles, and I have again to acknowledge with gratitude the kind assistance rendered by numerous friends in ministering to the enjoyment of the children. I would specially refer to the excellent concert given last January by the family of Mr. Thomas Storey, to musical entertainments by members of the Choir of St. John's Church, and subsequently by gentlemen connected with St. Mary's, as well as to an amateur dramatic performance by Officers of the Lancaster Artillery Volunteers. The Canadian Jubilee Singers also gave much pleasure by the quaint and melodious music which they discoursed to the children on New Year's Day.

Picnic.

A very successful pic-nic by Canal Boat to Hest Bank was shared in by 170 of the children, accompanied by about 30 of the staff. The weather was fortunately fine and the trip was greatly enjoyed, the novelty of the mode of conveyance being much appreciated. Music by the Asylum Band, and songs and choruses by the patients themselves, enhanced the pleasure of the "voyage," whilst at Hest Bank bathing, digging on the sand, and games on the sward, with an excellent *al fresco* repast, contributed to a very happy afternoon.

Holidays.

During the holiday month of August as many as 125 patients have visited their homes; and since Whitsuntide upwards of 200 visits have been paid to patients by their friends from various parts of the Northern Counties, many of whom have been able to travel very inexpensively by trip-trains to Morecambe.

Visitors.

On Mondays and Thursdays the number of general visitors is very large; and we have been glad to recognise amongst them several former patients, who have taken the opportunity of thus renewing their acquaintance with old

friends. Quite recently we had a call from a former patient earning 15s. per week in gardening, and another ex-patient has lately informed me of his employment as labourer in a Railway Carriage Building Works at 15s. per week.

The accounts received of the progress of the Election Patients discharged last year show that nearly one-third are more or less usefully employed at home, though only one is in a situation and earning wages. I would again venture to lay stress upon the good work that might be done by Ladies' Committees and other friends in seeking out suitable situations for patients improved by training in the Institution.

Discharged
Patients.

The only important change amongst the officers is the appointment as Matron of Mrs. Williams, a lady who has had considerable experience in similar work elsewhere. I have pleasure in referring to the kindly feeling shown by the staff generally in ministering to the welfare of the patients, many of whom display warm attachment to those in charge of them.

Conclusion.

I have the honour to remain,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH.

*Royal Albert Asylum,
29th August, 1884.*



CASES OF IMPROVEMENT

ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT.

(Not previously reported.)

BOYS.

A. (671.) Admitted in November, 1880, then ten years of age. Knew one or two short words at sight, could form one or two easy letters on slate, and count a little. Now reads fairly well, writes words in copy-book, works addition sums, tells the hours and quarters on the clock, knows all the coins and several weights, and names and matches most colours. Is learning shoe-making, and is improving generally.

B. (799.) Admitted July, 1882, aged twelve. Could read fairly well, write easy words in copy book, and, with help, work easy addition sums. Now much improved in reading, can compose and write a letter nicely, work sums in all the simple rules, and tell time almost to a minute. Is making good progress in the tailors' shop, where he is now sewing linings.

C. (870.) Admitted August, 1883, aged fifteen. Could read and write fairly, and work easy sums in the simple rules ; was delicate looking and nervous. Now improved in health, reads much better, writes and composes a very nice letter,* works sums in all the compound rules, draws fairly on paper, and can tell the time to a minute. Is working well in the tailors' shop, where he sews linings.

*COPY OF RECENT LETTER COMPOSED AND WRITTEN BY THIS BOY.

August 25, 1884.

“ MY DEAR FRIEND,

I was very glad to hear from you and I hope that you are well. I am very well myself.

We have lovely weather and I hope it will keep so. I am getting on in the tailors' shop first class and in the school.

We have very nice concerts here, sometimes we have niggers. In summer time we have the concerts out in the field.

I went to chapel last Sunday morning and I heard a very nice sermon.

We go into a field every night to play cricket and football, and they are very nice games to play at.

We have prayers here before we go to bed. The prayers begin at seven o'clock. There is singing class every Sunday afternoon.

We go for a walk every Thursday and Saturday.

We learn drawing here.

I am coming home next year for my holiday. I have been in this place a year. I will be glad to see all my brothers and sisters, and to see my father and mother.

We have a bath every Saturday morning.

I remain, your loving friend,

J. H. G.”

GIRLS AND INFANTS.

D. (718.) Admitted July, 1881, aged six. No knowledge of letters, and could only make strokes on slate. Has improved in every way, and is much brighter looking ; has learned to read and write easy words, and to hem fairly. Sings and drills well, and is becoming a very useful little girl.

E. (874.) Admitted August, 1883, aged eight. Then a nervous restless boy, continually disturbing the class by crying out. Has become quite cheerful and quiet, sits orderly in his class, has learnt the words of several simple songs, and sings them nicely. He also marches and joins in the drilling exercises.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 1ST OCTOBER, 1884.

It is again my duty to report on the Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum, and I have pleasure in saying that during the year ending 30th June, 1884, the books have been carefully and correctly kept. And I have further to state that the Balance Sheets now submitted contain a true and complete summary of the receipts and payments during the year.

A reference to the comparative statement of the receipts and expenditure on Maintenance Account during the past year and the preceding one, shows that though no large increase has been derived from any of the sources of income, the receipts on the principal items have been more than maintained, with the one exception of Donations. On the expenditure side of this Account, an increase of 40 in the number of patients accounts for the advance in the items of Provisions, and Wages of Attendants; but lessened expenditure on several items of Furniture and on Building repairs and alterations, reduces the total increase in expenditure to £483 6s. 11d.

Donations to the amount of £445 16s. have liquidated the debit balance brought forward from last year, and the General Account is now finally closed.

The Certificates of the Securities held on Sustentation Fund Account have been exhibited to me and found in due order.

During the ten years I have been entrusted with the examination of the Accounts, there has been a very important advance in the financial prosperity of the Institution, and a no less important advance in its work.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, AUDITOR.

GENERAL

Dr.

From June 30th, 1883,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Donations	445	16	0

MAINTENANCE

Dr.

From June 30th, 1883,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance June 30th, 1883:—						
Cash at Lancaster Bank	669	9	7			
Less due to Secretary	104	11	2			
				564	18	5
„ Donations	944	6	3			
„ Annual Subscriptions	4,218	6	2			
„ Payments for Patients	8,022	15	6			
„ Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	3,338	13	7			
„ Interest on Bank Deposits	58	6	10			
„ Rent	108	12	6			
„ Sundries	458	16	3			
				17,149	17	1
„ Farm Produce sold	179	6	3			
„ Farm Produce supplied to the Asylum	3,089	17	7			
„ Garden Produce sold	2	1	2			
„ Garden Produce supplied to the Asylum	271	10	11			
				3,542	15	11

£21,257 11 5

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified
to be correct.—October 1st, 1884.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

THOMAS STOREY, Lancaster, Treasurer.

ACCOUNT,
to June 30th, 1884.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1883	445	16	0

ACCOUNT,
to June 30th, 1884.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting and Quinquennial Festival at Lancaster; Meeting at Chester; and of Local Committees, &c.	193	4	1			
„ Expenses of Election at Chester	53	14	2			
„ Printing 5,000 Nineteenth Annual Reports, Reports of Meeting, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account and Case Books, and General Printing and Stationery	263	5	11			
„ General Advertising... ..	44	10	3			
„ Postage of Letters, Subscription Lists, Appeals, Pamphlets, Voting Papers, &c.	78	6	5			
„ Offices (Lancaster and Manchester), Rent, Rates, Gas, Telegrams, Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries	136	15	9			
				769	16	7
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices £718 11s. 0d. } Expenses { Asylum £4,610 6s. 11d. }	5,328	17	11			
„ Provisions { Purchased £2,869 10s. 3d. } { From Farm and Garden £3,361 8s. 6d. }	6,230	18	9			
„ Necessaries: Coals	593	11	4			
Gas	208	12	5			
Water... ..	171	8	0			
General	315	14	1			
„ Clothing	1,284	15	5			
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.	43	8	10			
„ Asylum Postage	11	2	6			
„ Insurance	74	11	0			
„ Maintenance Sundries	249	18	11			
„ Workshops and Repairs... ..	596	1	3			
„ Building Sundries	103	14	8			
„ Furniture: General	407	2	7			
Ironmongery	33	5	7			
Bedding... ..	410	16	1			
House Linen	25	17	7			
Crockery & Sundries	64	3	3			
				16,154	0	2
„ Property Expenses				11	9	5
„ Bank Interest, Commission, &c.				45	14	11
„ Farm (including Stock, Implements, &c.)	2,991	13	10			
„ Grounds and Garden	366	13	9			
				3,358	7	7
Balance at Lancaster Bank June 30th, 1884				918	2	9
				£21,257	11	5

SUSTENTATION

Dr.

June 30th,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Amount received to June 30th, 1883	87,874	17	0

„ Amount received during the year ending June 30th, 1884 :—

Legacies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,258	8	7	
										<u>2,258</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	2,258 8 7

£90,133 5 7

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—October 1st, 1884.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.
THOMAS STOREY, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

FUND ACCOUNT,

1884.

Cr.

Expenditure.							
BY INVESTMENTS:—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
East Indian Railway:							
Annuity "Class B" £450 per annum (less Sinking Fund, £30)		9,285	9	3	9,285	9	3
Madras Railway:—							
£7,000 Capital Stock; Interest at 5 per cent.		7,347	19	4	7,347	19	4
London and North Western Railway:							
£3,000 Guaranteed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		2,703	2	6			
£6,500 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		6,695	6	0	9,398	8	6
Midland Railway:							
£7,048 Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. ...		8,942	4	9	8,942	4	9
North Eastern Railway:							
£1,200 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		1,212	10	0			
£3,300 West Hartlepool Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent.		3,683	9	6			
£848 Darlington "B and C" Preference Stock; Interest at 6 per cent.		1,370	14	6	6,266	14	0
South Eastern Railway:							
£800 Guaranteed Stock; Interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ...		731	12	6			
£1,850 Preference Stock; Interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ...		1,858	13	10			
£3,250 Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. ...		3,667	10	6	6,257	16	10
London and South Western Railway:							
£5,600 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		5,951	12	0	5,951	12	0
Great Western Railway:							
£5,000 Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. ...		5,829	14	0	5,829	14	0
Furness Railway:							
£2,250 Guaranteed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		2,070	12	6			
£3,450 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		3,386	11	9	5,457	4	3
Metropolitan Railway:							
£5,000 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		5,387	1	2	5,387	1	2
Great Northern Railway:							
£2,165 Preference Stock, 1876; Interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ...		2,597	1	0	2,597	1	0
Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway:							
£1,000 Debenture Stock; Interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. ...		1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0
Lancaster Canal Navigation:							
86 Shares; Interest guaranteed at £1 15s. per share		3,225	0	0	3,225	0	0
New Zealand Government:							
£5,000 Inscribed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		5,015	8	4	5,015	8	4
Additional Land (24a. 0r. 4p.)		4,882	11	2	81,961	13	5
Less Land re-sold (2a. 1r. 3p.)		326	3	2			
Freehold Property					4,556	8	0
Balance at Lancaster Bank June 30th, 1884. ...					975	0	0
					2,640	4	2
					£90,133	5	7

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	1882-83		1883-84		Increase.	Decrease.	EXPENDITURE.	1882-83.		1883-84.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Average No. of Patients 472.	£ s. d.	Average No. of Patients 512.	£ s. d.				Average No. of Patients 472.	£ s. d.	Average No. of Patients 512.	£ s. d.		
Donations	1797 11 0	944 6 3	4218 6 2	8022 15 6	102 4 8	853 4 9	Expenses of General Annual Meeting, Public Meeting, Local Committees, Opening of the Rodgett Infirmary (1882), and Quinquennial Festival (1883).	219 4 11	193 4 1	193 4 1	68 6 4	26 0 10	
Annual Subscriptions	4116 1 6	58 6 10	108 12 6	35 6 7	218 4 1	11 3 2	Election Expenses	65 15 0	53 14 2	53 14 2	24 6 6	12 0 10	
Payments for Patients	7804 11 5	338 13 7	458 16 3	67 12 7	449 1 6		Printing Annual Reports, Reports of Meetings, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, & General Printing and Stationery	194 19 7	263 5 11	263 5 11			
Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	2889 12 1	119 15 8	179 6 3	21 8 4			General Advertising	20 3 9	44 10 3	44 10 3			
Interest on Bank Deposits	93 13 5	391 3 8	2331 4 5	758 13 2	3 8 9	3 8 9	General Postage	83 1 2	78 6 5	78 6 5			
Rent	157 17 11	233 2 5	271 10 11	16 11 6			Offices (Lancaster & Manchester) Rent, Rates, Gas, Telegrams, and Petty Cash Sundries	108 1 1	136 15 9	136 15 9	28 14 8	4 14 9	
Sundries	2331 4 5	5 9 11	2 1 2				Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses	4991 16 11	5328 17 11	5328 17 11	337 1 0		
Farm Produce sold	157 17 11	233 2 5	271 10 11				Provisions	5788 3 9	6230 18 9	6230 18 9	442 15 0		
Farm Produce supplied to the Asylum	2331 4 5	5 9 11	2 1 2				NECESSARIES:—						
Garden Produce sold	157 17 11	233 2 5	271 10 11				Coals	675 17 0	593 11 4	593 11 4	29 12 8	82 5 8	
Garden Produce supplied to the Asylum	2331 4 5	5 9 11	2 1 2				Gas	178 19 9	208 12 5	208 12 5	0 18 0		
							Water	170 10 0	171 8 0	171 8 0		6 11 1	
							General	322 5 2	315 14 1	315 14 1		16 1 0	
							Clothing	1300 16 5	1284 15 5	1284 15 5		19 12 5	
							Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c. Insurance	63 1 3	43 8 10	43 8 10	3 17 6		
							Sundries	70 13 6	74 11 0	74 11 0		12 9 0	
							Workshops, Repairs, &c. Building Sundries	273 10 5	261 1 5	261 1 5		14 10 7	
							FURNITURE:—	610 11 10	596 1 3	596 1 3		338 1 2	
							General	441 15 10	103 14 8	103 14 8			
							Ironmongery	337 15 2	407 2 7	407 2 7	69 7 5	50 0 0	
							Bedding	83 5 7	33 5 7	33 5 7		138 11 10	
							House Linen	549 7 11	410 16 1	410 16 1		7 9 6	
							Crockery and Sundries	33 7 1	25 17 7	25 17 7		18 4 10	
							Property Expenses	82 8 1	64 3 3	64 3 3		70 18 8	
							Bank Interest, Commission, &c. Farm	82 8 1	11 9 5	11 9 5		45 16 8	
							Grounds and Garden	91 11 7	45 14 11	45 14 11	459 3 0		
								2532 10 10	2991 13 10	2991 13 10			
								484 0 1	366 13 9	366 13 9			
NET INCREASE £697 9s. 7d.	19995 3 5	20692 13 0	564 18 5	1617 4 4	919 14 9		NET INCREASE £483 6s. 11d.	19856 1 9	20339 8 8	20339 8 8	1464 2 1	980 15 2	
Balance at beginning of year.	425 16 9	564 18 5					Balance at end of year	564 18 5	918 2 9	918 2 9			

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(Including Donations to the General, Maintenance, and Sustentation Funds; and current Annual Subscriptions)

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.										Donations.	Annual Sub- scriptions.		
											£	s.	d.
LANCASTER (1)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14813	0	4	296 8 0
LIVERPOOL (2)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9606	13	7	236 12 0
MANCHESTER (3)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9515	7	0	328 4 6
BRADFORD (4)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8770	19	6	386 0 0
PRESTON (5)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8426	5	5	88 13 6
ROCHDALE (6)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5872	7	0	183 5 6
LEEDS (7)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4772	10	0	237 8 7
HALIFAX (8)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4386	4	1	334 2 4
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE, &C.) (9)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4018	19	4	370 18 6
CHESHIRE (CHESTER, STOCKPORT, &C.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3929	14	11	171 7 6
WESTMORLAND (10)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3625	17	2	115 18 6
SHEFFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2853	0	9	123 13 0
YORK (11)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2518	0	4	102 16 6
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2404	16	10	32 0 6
OLDHAM (12)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1799	12	0	37 16 0
SETTLE...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1269	4	11	43 1 6
SKIPTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1209	19	2	25 4 0
BOLTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1182	3	0	57 4 6
HUDDERSFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1055	10	0	56 19 6
DURHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1038	13	1	82 8 6
BLACKBURN (13)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	987	10	0	30 9 0
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	974	16	8	44 12 6
WAKEFIELD (14)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	953	0	7	11 0 6
BURY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	807	19	4	26 19 0
BURNLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	783	7	6	24 8 6
WARRINGTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	761	2	6	10 10 0
KEIGHLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	738	11	0	34 13 0
SOUTHPORT...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	725	9	0	51 4 0
DARLINGTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	674	12	0	61 7 6
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	561	7	0	17 1 6
WIGAN	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	497	9	0	37 16 0
SCARBOROUGH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	313	10	0	7 7 0
SUNDERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	289	15	0	65 12 0
ST. HELENS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	263	5	6	30 9 0
HULL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	257	9	2	31 19 0
ROTHERHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	204	17	6	14 14 0
WHITBY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	2	9	5 5 0
DONCASTER...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	145	12	6	14 3 6
HARTLEPOOL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	133	6	6	23 19 6
SOUTH SHIELDS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69	2	6	56 11 8
MIDDLESBROUGH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	0	0	0 10 6
STOCKTON-ON-TEES	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	15	0	20 6 0
WEST HARTLEPOOL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	8	6	35 15 0

June 30th, 1884.

JAMES DIGGENS, GENERAL SECRETARY.

- (1) The Lancaster Donations include £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton, and £500 from Miss Brunton; £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company; and £1050 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co., who also contribute a Special Annual Subscription of £52 10s.
- (2) The Liverpool Donations include £1300 from Mrs. Chas. Turner.
- (3) The Manchester Donations include £1105 from the late John Fernley, Esq.; £1000 from the late Robert Barnes, Esq., and £1000 from the late William Atkinson, Esq.
- (4) The Bradford Donations include £5105 from the late Sir Titus Salt, Bart.
- (5) The Preston Donations include £5000 from E. Rodgett, Esq. and £677 10s. from the late Richard Newsham, Esq.
- (6) The Rochdale Donations include £525 from Richard Hurst, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, junr., Esq.; £500 from John Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; £500 from Joshua Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; and £500 from Samuel Fielden, Esq., Todmorden.
- (7) The Leeds Donations include £1052 10s. from Messrs. Joshua Tetley and Son; £525 from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lupton; and £500 from the late Miss Dawson, of Bramhope Manor, Otley.
- (8) The Halifax Donations include £630 from the late Joshua Appleyard, Esq.
- (9) The Cumberland Donations include £525 from the late Thomas Ainsworth, Esq., (Cleator); and £500 from the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster.
- (10) The Westmorland Donations include £675 from W. H. Wakefield, Esq.; and £400 from the late John Wakefield, Esq.
- (11) The York Donations include £1000 from "A Friend," per the late Wm. Gray, Esq.
- (12) The Oldham Donations include £631 5s. from the late Asa Lees, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £10,000.
- (13) The Blackburn Donations include £525 from Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (14) The Wakefield Donations include £520 from the late Daniel Gaskell, Esq.

TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Reports of the Schoolmaster,
Schoolmistress, and Gymnastic Master.

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
	232	40	92	169	533
I. SPEECH.					
1. Make no attempt	1	14	20	22	57
2. Make some attempt	6	5	14	11	36
3. Make a few articulate sounds	9	10	5	22	46
4. Speak indistinctly	31	2	20	18	71
5. Speak fairly	70	6	17	37	130
6. Speak well	115	3	16	59	193
					533
II. READING.					
1. Know no letters or words	30	34	63	91	218
2. Know a few letters... ..	73	6	15	42	136
3. Know all the letters	19	0	4	13	36
4. Know at sight a few words	30	0	6	6	42
5. Read easy words and spell them	39	0	2	5	46
6. Read fairly*	41	0	2	12	55
<i>* 71 Patients read books alone for amusement.</i>					533
III. WRITING.					
1. Do nothing but scribble	37	28	52	60	177
2. Form strokes, &c., on slate	50	12	26	61	149
3. Do. do. in copy book	27	0	5	20	52
4. Form letters in copybook	25	0	6	11	42
5. Write easy words in copy book	53	0	1	6	60
6. Write fairly*	40	0	2	11	53
<i>*60 Patients write letters home with assistance and 21 without assistance.</i>					533
<i>927 Letters have been written and sent home during the past year.</i>					
IV. ARITHMETIC.					
1. Cannot count at all	18	34	53	67	172
2. Count a little	72	6	20	49	147
3. Count up to 30	43	0	10	35	88
4. Understand value of unit figures	47	0	8	12	67
5. Work simple addition sums	33	0	1	4	38
6. Work easy sums in simple rules*	19	0	0	2	21
<i>*7 Boys work sums in the compound rules.</i>					533

TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS—*continued.*

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
V. CLOCK LESSON,	232	40	92	169	533
1. Know neither hours nor minutes ...	58	39	81	129	307
2. Know some of the hours	69	1	4	29	103
3. Know all the hours	36	0	4	7	47
4. Know the hours and quarters	21	0	1	1	23
5. Do. do. and 5 minutes	14	0	2	0	16
6. Can tell the time to a minute	34	0	0	3	37
VI. SHOP LESSON.					533
1. Know no coins nor weights... ..	26	36	60	93	215
2. Know a few coins	57	4	22	48	131
3. Do. do. and weights	65	0	5	21	91
4. Know all the coins and some weights	43	0	5	5	53
5. Know all the coins and weights and calculate a little	24	0	0	0	24
6. Do. do. and calculate fairly	17	0	0	2	19
VII. COLOUR LESSON.					533
1. Know no colours	22	28	55	73	178
2. Know black and white	29	3	16	25	73
3. Know one or two simple colours ...	43	5	10	44	102
4. Know all the simple colours	34	3	7	12	56
5. Do. do. and some compound shades	50	1	3	4	58
6. Know and can match most compound shades	54	0	1	11	66
VIII. MUSIC.					533
1. No interest in musical sounds	0	0	4	14	18
2. Attentive to do. do.	2	21	27	30	80
3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words	71	16	43	48	178
4. Do. do. with words	149	3	18	77	247
5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical symbols	9	0	0	0	9
6. Sing from do. do.	1	0	0	0	1
IX. DRILL.					533
1. Have no idea of drill	0	4	8	15	27
2. Stand at attention when told	2	4	20	27	53
3. Perform simple movements of limbs	27	25	28	32	112
4. Go through extension movements fairly	59	6	14	25	104
5. Do. do. do. well and march	39	1	9	33	82
6. Do. do. do. to music	105	0	13	37	155
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TABLE OF INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Return of the Trade Instructors, Chief Attendant, and Head Nurse. It must be understood that the occupations are progressive, in order of difficulty, from 1 to 6; occupation in a higher grade usually implying familiarity with the lower grades.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.						Number employed in each grade, with quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Grades of Work.						Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
I. TAILORING.										
1. Preliminary Work	2	0	0	0	2	16 Tailors.				
2. Sewing Linings	1	2	4	0	7					
3. Do. Seams	0	0	0	0	0					
4. Felling	0	1	5	0	6					
5. Making Garments	0	0	1	0	1					
6. Machining	0	0	0	0	0					
II. SHOEMAKING.										
1. Preliminary Work	1	2	1	0	4	13 Shoemakers.				
2. Stitching Backs	0	1	2	0	3					
3. Closing Sides	0	0	1	1	2					
4. Patching and Nailing	0	0	1	0	1					
5. Repairing	0	1	0	0	1					
6. Bottoming (making)	0	0	1	1	2					
III. JOINERY.										
1. Preliminary Work (use of tools)	0	7	8	1	16	22 Joiners.				
2. Making pins, &c.	0	0	0	0	0					
3. Making frames	0	0	0	0	0					
4. Making simple boxes, &c.	0	0	0	0	0					
5. Work at Bench (Dovetailing, &c.)	0	1	3	2	6					
6. Machine Work (boring at lathe)... ..	0	0	0	0	0					
IV. GARDENING.										
1. Preliminary work in weeding class	7	10	6	0	23	Weed- ing Boys.				
2. Barrow filling and emptying	0	0	7	0	7	20 Gardeners.				
3. Digging	0	2	1	0	3					
4. Weeding amongst crops	0	5	4	0	9					
5. Picking peas, fruit, &c.	0	0	1	0	1					
6. Potato setting, &c.	0	0	0	0	0					

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
Grades of Work.		Indifferent.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
V. FARMING.						
1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c...	...	0	0	0	0	0
2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c.	...	0	0	1	0	1
2. Feeding stock	...	0	1	0	0	1
4. Weeding amongst crops	...	0	0	3	0	3
5. Harvesting;						
<i>a</i> Gathering and raking	...	0	0	0	0	0
<i>b</i> Cutting and binding	...	0	0	0	0	0
6. Milking, &c.	...	0	0	4	1	5
VI. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOP.						
1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c.	...	2	8	12	1	23
2. Plaiting Coir	...	0	0	0	0	0
3. Mat Making	...	0	1	2	0	3
4. Brush Filling	...	0	0	0	0	0
5. Palliasse and Mattress Making	...	0	0	0	0	0
6. Basket Making	...	0	0	0	0	0
VII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.						
1. Shoe-cleaning	...	2	4	19	0	25
2. Corridor-cleaning and Ward-work	...	0	1	6	0	7
3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c.	...	1	4	8	2	15
4. Store-work and Kitchen and Dairy	...	0	1	6	1	8
5. Assisting Stoker	...	0	0	0	0	0
6. Assisting Plumber	...	0	0	1	0	1
7. Assisting Baker	...	0	3	1	1	5

Total number of Boys employed in Industrial Occupations ... 191.

Several others assist in Dormitory and Day-room arrangements, and in dressing and attending on other Patients.

16 Infant Boys receive special Industrial Lessons in School (not included in above tabulation); 14 are taught needlework, of whom 2 can hem and 6 knit.

Six Boys (also otherwise employed) act as Messengers to Lancaster.

OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.		No. employed in each occupation, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
Chief kinds of Occupation.		Indifferent.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
1. Preliminary work—Industrial Class	...	5	9	6	6	26
2. Sweeping, dusting, &c.	...	7	6	8	0	21
3. Bed-making	...	0	2	6	5	13
4. Scrubbing and general house work	...	0	0	6	13	19
5. Laundry-work	...	0	2	5	3	10
6. *Sewing and knitting	...	0	1	6	3	10

*In School 58 Girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle, 29 hem, 20 sew fairly, 10 sew fairly and knit, and 11 sew fairly, knit, and do wool work.

The number of Girls employed in Industrial occupations out of school is 77, and 22 other Girls receive special Industrial lessons in school, making a total of 99 under Industrial Training.

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TABLE

Showing condition of Patients discharged during year.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
"Relieved" {	Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	0
	Much improved	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	8
	Moderately improved	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	11
	Slightly improved	...	...	...	...	...	6	4	10
	Not improved	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	5
							20	14	34

TABLE

Showing ages of Patients who have resided in the Asylum and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Medical Superintendent's General Report.

AGES On 1st January, 1884.		NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years	...	28	24	52	2	2	4
10 „ 15 „	...	146	70	216	2	4	6
15 „ 20 „	...	144	65	209	1	3	4
20 and upwards	...	71	33	104	0	0	0
		389	192	581	5	9	14

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WORK DONE IN SHOPS, &c.

Department.	Made.	Repaired	Department.	Made.	Repaired
TAILORS.			GIRLS' WORKROOM AND WARDROBE.		
Coats	196	5	Aprons	21	...
Trousers	316	27	Bags	13	...
Vests	197	2	Chemises	86	2389
	709	34	Drawers	65	2358
TAILORESSES.			Dresses	54	1863
Coats ... ..	...	2092	Feeders	154	688
Infant Boys' Garments ...	...	2715	Flannel Petticoats ...	82	1303
Overcoats ... ..	...	182	Flannel Vests	75	1866
Trousers ... ..	...	5543	Hats ... ..	...	147
Vests ... ..	...	1351	Hoods ... ..	...	124
	...	11883	Jackets	25	167
SHOEMAKERS.			Nightdresses	88	2976
Boots (pairs)	489	2473	Nightshirts	6	2110
UPHOLSTERERS.			Pinafores	250	5075
Baskets ... ..	...	16	Shirts ... ..	...	402
Brushes (Dry Scrubbers)	4	...	Skirts	24	347
Mats	15	5	Stays	4	...
Mattresses	45	232	Tuckers ... ..	...	192
Mops	2	...	Ulsters ... ..	...	51
Palliassees ... ..	...	124		947	22058
Pillows	54	103	LINEN ROOM.		
Sofas ... ..	...	8	Bags	75	...
Wool Beds ... ..	...	26	Bolster Slips	144	1123
	120	514	Blankets	501	439
BOYS' WARDROBE.			Counterpanes	192	1351
Aprons	118	916	Covers	33	...
Carpets ... ..	...	4	Dinner Napkins ... ..	...	356
Collars ... ..	...	1982	Dusters	24	...
Drawers ... ..	...	901	Pillow Slips	186	1075
Feeders	13	...	Sheets	623	2804
Flannel Vests	18	1030	Table Cloths	124	370
Hearthrugs ... ..	...	2	Table Covers	20	171
Jackets ... ..	...	526	Tea Cloths	17	18
Jerseys ... ..	...	15	Towels	120	1170
Nightshirts ... ..	...	2384		2059	8877
Shirts ... ..	...	4800	PLUMBERS.		
Socks and Stockings ...	...	4173	All Plumbing, Glazing, and Smiths' work.		
Table Covers ... ..	...	1	CARPENTERS.		
	149	16734	All Joinery, Carpentry, Repairing Wooden Furniture, &c.		
			PAINTER.		
			Painting, Colouring, Limewashing, and Jobbing.		
			LAUNDRY.		
			Number of Pieces Washed :—		
			Sheets	57,941	
			Pinafores	34,174	
			Nightshirts	27,359	
			Nightdresses	20,553	
			Other Articles	276,790	
				416,817	

JAMES DIGGENS, SECRETARY.

E X T R A C T S

FROM

"BLIGHTED LIVES; OR, AMONG THE IMBECILES,"

BY A SHEFFIELD LADY.

*(Reprinted from the "SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM INDEPENDENT,"**March 24th, 1884.)*

The writer recently found herself in a building whose proportions and surroundings were alike striking and impressive. There were spacious rooms -- light, airy, lofty, and full of sunshine. There were corridors whose long vistas stretch out here and there into large windowed recesses with seats and tables. The rooms were occupied by boys and young men with something uncanny about their faces, merry and laughing though they were; and by girls neat and cheerful, all engaged in different employments, whose methods of learning seemed to be devised on the principle of extracting a maximum of amusement and a minimum of task. It was the Royal Albert Asylum, charmingly situated at Lancaster, where Morecambe Bay is overlooked; and the first thing that strikes one, after the completeness of the provision for the afflicted inmates, is the large amount of happiness of which even these unhappy ones are capable. There is observable little of the morose ill-temper that, naturally enough, results from the gibes and jeers which are the common lot of imbeciles in the outer world. Instead, there is a pervading air of good temper and enjoyment, signs that they are capable of much affection, grateful for kindly notice, and susceptible to the pleasure awakened by a few words of cheerful praise.

Noble as is the situation of the building, and complete and admirable as are all its arrangements, contented as seem the inmates, it is indeed a saddening thing to pay a visit to this home of the imbecile. Sad enough to see young children, sometimes deformed and crippled, and with the empty and silly look of imbecility on their faces, but sadder far to see those who, grown to man's estate, are tall and bearded, but are no more than babies in intelligence, and who are of necessity treated as such. These "boys" are the first class, those who, during the years they have been in the institution, have reached the greatest amount of

improvement and development that perhaps is possible to them, with all the careful training that science and skilled experience can bestow. There are six or eight young men who are laboriously—for several of them have distinct physical defects, such as paralysed and distorted fingers and limbs—trying to learn the mysteries of calculating, or making efforts to write with clearness and intelligibility. These have sense enough to know what they want to say, and can write—some very creditable though child-like hands—to thank their mother or sister for a letter or a present, and to tell her what they have been doing. They can work small sums, and one, when asked what is ten times ten, writes ten tens in succession down his slate, and then counts them up. This “boy,” with hands sadly doubled up, the merriest fellow possible, has a talent for drawing, and is not a little pleased to watch the master showing his performances, geometrical outlines in pencil, some of them even original designs, and done with no rule or measure, often singularly correct and well planned. One, he says, is a design for the cover of a Prayer Book, and yet this poor creature cannot speak, and is quite imbecile. There is another “boy” in this class who has developed a taste for colouring, and he looked on with delight while the picture books painted by him were exhibited, especially when the copy and the original were put side by side, and the visitor was challenged to say which was which—really no easy matter.

The different workshops are an interesting feature of the asylum. It is only the more sensible of the imbeciles who can be trusted in the woodyard and carpenter’s shop on account of the tools employed, but those who are here do a creditable amount of work, produce neat, well-finished inkstands, book-shelves, steps, &c.; while there is abundant employment in chopping and sawing firewood. A few lads learn tailoring, and some have become clever at it, while others, set to make a straight line of stitches on a bit of white cloth, cannot succeed in producing anything but most erratic work. So with the bootmaking and other employments. There is such helpless ignorance in new pupils that the difficulties must seem almost insuperable, but it is wonderful what results patience will attain, and the patience of all the teachers and attendants in this place is simply marvellous.

In the grounds of the Institution an Infirmary has lately been erected by individual munificence, and this is a great relief in times of epidemic. Here, in bright and lofty wards, little patients in red dressing gowns sit up in their cots, and look happy and contented even in suffering. In a small room for the worst cases, a poor girl is dying of consumption, but she has peace and quiet to soothe her last hours. In another room convalescents amuse themselves. Not far from this building is the farm, where twelve lads live under the kindly care of the farm-bailiff and his wife, by whom they are trained in farm work. And certainly the long row of cows (some six and twenty), chained ready for milking, look as well-conditioned as possible, and the perfect cleanliness of the pig-styes must be a source of considerable perplexity to occupants whose natural habits this absence of dirt affronts and ignores. It is quite clear imbecile boys can, under due supervision, do exceedingly creditable farm work.

And now a long and tiring, but most interesting visit is brought to a close. The fine dining hall, the dormitories, the kitchens have all been visited. The private rooms have been admired—for those provided for paying patients are most comfortable, not to say luxurious, and in them many a poor unfortunate imbecile might pass happy days, being carefully waited on and trained in a way that cannot be attained even in the home of the rich, however kind and anxious the intentions

of loving friends. It is impossible to leave the Royal Albert Asylum without many mingled feelings. Perhaps the uppermost is, or should be, one of thankfulness for the larger measure of intelligence accorded to most of us, and the quickened sense of responsibility to put that intelligence to the best purpose. The feeling of pity is strong for these poor half-witted creatures, but there is pleasure in the thought that those who, when in their own homes, were neglected and derided, sometimes jeeringly and cruelly treated, are by their translation to the Asylum, surrounded by a constant atmosphere of kindness. They receive every alleviation that can be found for their infirmities, and are so trained, and their latent forces drawn out, as in most cases to produce, not cure, but such improvement as gives a measure of brightness to existence, and enables them to do something towards earning a livelihood. Or, where that is not needful, to occupy themselves in something like rational employments.

No one who has helped to found, or who is helping to sustain, this beneficent institution, can fail to realise that his money has been well and wisely employed. And are there not many who, not having yet contributed to the amelioration of the imbecile's lot, might esteem it a privilege or a duty to share in its humane work?

LIST OF CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM.

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- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Capetown, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., (now Master of the Temple), at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (now Lord Bishop of Hereford), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Cooper Antliff, Stanley Street Chapel, Sheffield.
- Rev. Canon Ashwell (Chichester), Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. R. Atkinson-Grimshaw, Cockerham Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. C. Bache, (Alresford), Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. P. Bartlett, Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. Dr. Black, Newchurch Church, Warrington.
- Rev. G. L. Blake, St. Mary's Church, Ellel, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. O. Blunt, Parish Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Francis Bolton, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Brack, Skerton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. Bridges, Holme St. Cuthbert Church, Wigton.
- Rev. C. J. Bushell, Barkisland Church, Halifax.
- Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne-Cave, Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. John Chadwick, Tatham Church, Benthams.
- Rev. S. Chapman, (Glasgow), Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.
- Rev. W. E. Chapman, (Brighton), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. A. Christopherson, (Haverthwaite), Caton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. J. Clarke, (York), at St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster; Rev. C. Campbell, Vicar.
- Rev. John Crawford, Christ Church, East Knottingley.
- Rev. E. Dothie (London), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. F. Earle, West Tanfield Church, Bedale.
- Rev. S. Earnshaw, at Parish Church, Sheffield; Rev. Rowley Hill (now Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Eden, Aberford Church, South Milford.
- Rev. J. Fleming, (London), at the Independent Chapel, Lancaster.

- Rev. Dr. Flood, (Leeds), at Masham Church, Bedale; Rev. G. M. Gorham
Vicar.
- Rev. J. Francis, St. Anne's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. E. Green, All Saints' Church, Cockermouth.
- Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall, St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. J. Hammersley, Alithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands.
- Rev. James Harrison, Barbon Church, Kirkby Lonsdale.
- Rev. H. Hassard, Stockton-on-the-Forest Church, York.
- Rev. S. Hastings, Rector of Halton, Lancaster; Camp Service of 2nd
Adm. Battalion of West Riding Volunteers at Morecambe.
- Rev. H. B. Hawkins, Parish Church, Lytham.
- Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.
- Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Church, Bell Busk.
- Rev. Thompson Hesk, Wesley Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. Rowley Hill, (now Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man) Parish Church, Sheffield.
- Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.
- Rev. A. Hodgkin, Treales Church, Kirkham.
- Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.
- Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre, Garstang.
- Rev. Canon Hornby, St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.
- Rev. Canon Hoskins, at All Saints' Church, Cockermouth; Rev. E. Green,
Vicar.
- Rev. A. H. Hughes, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.
- Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. C. H. Joberns, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Kenworthy, Ackworth Church, Pontefract.
- Rev. J. C. Kershaw, St. Leonard's Church, Walton-le-Dale, Preston.
- Rev. W. C. Kewish, Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Radcliffe Bridge, Manchester.
- Rev. P. C. Kidd, Parish Church, Skipton.
- Rev. H. W. Kirby, Field Broughton Church, Grange-over-Sands.
- Rev. Thos. Leach, Parish Church, Burton-in-Lonsdale.
- Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at Christ Church,
Lancaster.
- Rev. E. C. Maclure, (Rochdale), Holy Trinity Church, Habergham Eaves,
Burnley.
- Rev. E. R. Mainwaring-White, Eastoft Church, Goole.
- Rev. E. F. Manby, Morecambe Church.
- Rev. R. W. Marriott, Aldborough Church, Boroughbridge.
- Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church.
- Rev. Robert Martin, Irlam Church, near Manchester.
- Rev. John Mathwin, West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Thomas Meadows, Thornton Church, Poulton-le-Fylde.
- Rev. J. M. Morgan, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness.
- Rev. G. G. Morton, Parish Church, Ulverston.

- Rev. D. C. Neary, D.D., South Ossett Church, Wakefield.
 Rev. A. M. Norman, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
 Rev. T. J. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.
 Rev. John Owen, Unitarian Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. J. L. Pain, (Silverdale), at Warton Church ; Rev. T. H. Pain, Vicar.
 Rev. T. Pain, Warton Parish Church, Carnforth.
 Rev. R. C. Pattenson, Melmerby Church, Penrith.
 Rev. Wilson Pedder, Churchtown Church, Garstang.
 Rev. F. E. Perrin, Ribchester.
 Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.
 Rev. W. E. Pryke, at Warton Church, and Priest Hutton Licensed Room;
 Rev. T. H. Pain, Rector of Warton.
 Rev. Richard Ray, Wesleyan Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. J. P. Rigby, Aughton Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. Canon Robinson, Parish Church, Bolton Abbey.
 Rev. W. Rose, Petre Street Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. C. T. Royds, Heysham Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. A. D. Shafto, Brancepeth Church, Durham.
 Rev. R. N. Sharpe, Hundersfield, Rochdale.
 Rev. W. Shilleto, Goosnargh Church, Preston.
 Rev. J. Simpson, (Kirkby Stephen), at the Parish Church, Kirkby Lonsdale;
 Rev. Canon Ware, Vicar.
 Rev. J. G. Smith, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley Street, Sheffield.
 Rev. James Smith, Wicker Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. T. Jackson Smith, St. Thomas' Church, Leigh, Manchester.
 Rev. H. A. Starkie, Radcliffe Church, Manchester.
 Rev. Canon Stewart and Rev. John Creeser, St. John Baptist's Church,
 Tue Brook, Liverpool ; Rev. John C. Reade, Vicar.
 Rev. W. Stocks, St. Leonard's Church, Downham, Clitheroe.
 Rev. Geo. Style, Giggleswick, Settle.
 Rev. Alexander Thomson, D.D. (Manchester), at High Street Independent
 Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. C. C. Tyte, Broompark Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. G. F. Weston, Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.
 Rev. E. White, Quernmore Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ainstable Church, Penrith.
 Rev. R. W. Wilson, Sutton Church, Cross Hills.
 Rev. Thos. Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.
 Rev. W. Yates, Arley Parish Church, Northwich.

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

- Anonymous, Bradford, a Doll for Christmas Tree.
 Anonymous, Farsley, a Cake, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Anonymous, Windermere, £1, for Christmas Tree.
 Appleyard, Mr. and Miss, Mytholmroyd, per Mitchell Bros., Hebden Bridge, 10lbs. Knitting Worsted.
 Bagnall, Mrs., Penrith, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Barrett, R. D., Liverpool, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow, Mrs. Thomas, Lancaster, Toys and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Blades, Mrs., Caton, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Bone, Mrs., St. Thomas's Vicarage, Lancaster, Books for Christmas Tree.
 Browne, G. Buckston, Preston, Oleographs for Christmas Tree.
 Capstick, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Clark, Miss, Queen Street, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Cox, H., Liverpool, Box of Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Craven, Joseph, Thornton, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Davies, Rev. J. H., Bishop Burton, Beverley, £1 for Decoration of Rodgett Infirmary.
 Dicks, Mrs., Hull, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Dimsdale, Mrs., York, Scrap Book for Christmas Tree.
 Dugdale, The Misses, Symonstone Hall, Burnley, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Eckersley, Mrs., Standish Hall, Wigan, Toys, Books, &c., for Christmas Tree ; and Mounted Pictures.
 Edge, W., Bolton-le-Moors, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Edwards, Mrs., Liverpool, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Elam, G. A., Leeds, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Franklin, The Misses, Leeds, Scrap Book for Christmas Tree.
 Firth, Mrs. and Miss Milner, Harrogate, Books and Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Fortune, Mrs., Bingley, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Gorrill, Mrs., The Elms, Bare, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Grant, Mrs., London, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Greenwood, Mrs., Lancaster, Woollen Scarves and Mits for Christmas Tree.
 Hadwen, Miss Marion, Manchester, 120 Bags for Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Hadwen, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree, and Illustrated Periodicals.
 Handley, H., Chester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hall, W., chemist, Lancaster, Candles for Christmas Tree.
 Harris, Mrs. S. J. (the Mayoress of Lancaster) £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Higgin, W. H., Q.C., Springfield Hall, Lancaster, Case of Oranges and Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Hoskin, J. B., Rochdale, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hurst, Mrs. R., Spring Hill, Rochdale, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Jeeves, Mrs., London, Toys and Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Johnson, Miss, Sefton Park, Liverpool, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 King, Children of W., East Road, Lancaster, Three Scrap Books.
 Lackey, James, Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A., 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Lancaster and Skerton Co-operative Society, Box of Sweets and Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Langshaw, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Marquis, Mrs., Ripon, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Metcalfe, Mrs., Ings House, Hawes, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Moon, J. C., Thornycroft, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Naylor, Mrs. J. W., Chapel Allerton, near Leeds, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Nicholson, Mrs., Filey, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 North, Mr. and Mrs., York, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Paget, Miss, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Paley, E. G., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Paris, J. H., Liverpool, Four Framed Pictures.
 Pickford, Miss, Carnforth, Illustrated Books.
 Radley, Mrs., Mallow House, Milnthorpe, £1 for Christmas Tree.

- Ramsbotham, Dr. and Mrs., Leeds, Box of Oranges and Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, Mrs. F. E., Thorpe, Halifax, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, F. Gerald, Thorpe, Halifax, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Rawson, J. Selwyn, Thorpe, Halifax, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Religious Tract Society, per Rev. F. Bolton and Mr. John Wane, Lancaster, Christmas Cards, Mottoes, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Reynolds and Branson, Leeds, Albums, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Rich, Mrs., Preston, Barrel of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Robinson, Mrs., Carus Lodge, Lancaster, Apples for Christmas Tree.
- Robson, Mrs., Newcastle-on-Tyne, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Rodgett, Mrs., Darwen Bank, Preston, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Satterthwaite, A., Lancaster, Box of Biscuits for Christmas Tree.
- Saul, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Saville, Mrs., Bradford, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Shaw, Mrs., Lancaster, Chocolate and Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
- Shaw, Mrs., Stretford, Manchester, Toys, Dolls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Shaw, Thomas, Gomersal, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Sherson, The Misses, Greenfield, Lancaster, Sweets and Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Simpson, Miss, Queen Square, Lancaster, Framed Pictures for Christmas Tree.
- Simpson, Matthew, Lancaster, Illustrated Christmas Papers.
- Skinner, Mrs., Bolton-le-Moors, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Smith, W. G., Lancaster, Four Boys' Coats, Six Boys' Hats, and Five Ties for Christmas Tree.
- Stevenson, Mrs., Leamington, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Storey, Mrs. Thomas, Westfield, Lancaster, Box of Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Swainson, Miss, Market Street, Lancaster, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Umpleby, Mrs., Snaith, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Wareing, John, Whittle-le-Woods, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, Alderman, Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, W. G., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Wilson-Patten, The Hon. Miss, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Winmarleigh, The Right Hon. Lord, £2 for Christmas Tree.
- Wrigley, Mr. and Mrs., Holbeck, Windermere, Dolls, Toys, Pictures, and Books for Christmas Tree.



CENSUS OF IDIOTS AND IMBECILES.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Number of Idiots and Imbeciles returned in the Householders' Schedules at the Census of 1881 :—

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
16,105.	16,612.	32,717.

The Seven Northern Counties comprising the Royal Albert Asylum District :—

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
LANCASHIRE	1911	1798	3709
YORKSHIRE	1414	1489	2903
DURHAM	292	322	614
CHESHIRE... ..	376	382	758
NORTHUMBERLAND	258	228	486
CUMBERLAND... ..	106	103	209
WESTMORLAND	40	45	85
Total of the District	4397	4367	8764

The returns are, undoubtedly far below the actual number. It is obvious that, for various reasons, many persons throughout the country, who unquestionably belong to the class "Idiots and Imbeciles," would not be returned as such in the Householders' Schedules; and, as an illustration of the great difficulty of procuring accurate statistics on the subject, it may be mentioned that at the Census of 1871 the Superintendent Registrar of an extensive district ascertained, after careful enquiry, that fully 25 per cent. of the Idiots and Imbeciles in his district had not been returned. It may be assumed that the Census Officers of the district secured more than average completeness in their returns, as they received precise and special instructions to see that the Column in the Schedules headed "Imbecile or Idiot" was filled up in all proper cases.

The number of Idiots and Imbeciles of 5 years of age and under 20, returned in the Seven Northern Counties at the Census of 1881 was 2422. Probably a great many at the early period of life would not be entered in the Schedules, owing to the natural disinclination of parents to conclude that their children are so far mentally afflicted as to render it necessary to return them as Idiots or Imbeciles.

The following is the Ratio of returned Idiots and Imbeciles to the entire population in the several places named (Census 1881):—

Name.	Population	Idiots and Imbeciles.	Persons to One Idiot or Imbecile.	Idiots & Imbeciles per 20,000 persons.
ENGLAND AND WALES	25,974,439	32717	794	25·2
THE SEVEN COUNTIES	8,627,156	8764	984	20·3
LANCASHIRE	3,485,819	3709	940	21·2
YORKSHIRE	2,894,759	2903	997	20·0
DURHAM... ..	875,166	614	1425	14·0
CHESHIRE	622,365	758	821	24·3
NORTHUMBERLAND	434,086	486	893	22·4
CUMBERLAND	250,647	209	1199	16·7
WESTMORLAND	64,314	85	757	26·4

NOTE.—The Counties are Registration Counties, which differ slightly from the Geographical Counties.

LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED.

LANCASHIRE.

	No.		No.
Accrington...	1	Manchester and Salford...	60
Ashton-under-Lyne	1	Mossley	1
Bacup...	1	Newchurch, Warrington	1
Barrow-in-Furness	2	Newton-le-Willows	1
Barrowford, Burnley	1	Oldham	11
Bedford-Leigh	2	Over-Wyresdale, Lancaster	1
Bolton-le-Moors	10	Pemberton, Wigan	1
Blackburn	7	Penwortham, Preston	1
Blackpool	1	Prescot, Liverpool	3
Blackrod, Wigan	1	Preston	7
Burnley	7	Quernmore, Lancaster	1
Bury	8	Radcliffe	2
Cartmel, Ulverston	1	Rawtenstall	1
Clitheroe	1	Ribchester, Preston	2
Coniston	1	Rochdale	8
Dalton-in-Furness	2	St. Helens	2
Farnworth, Bolton-le-Moors	2	Scarisbrick, Ormskirk	1
Fazackerley, Liverpool	1	Southport	4
Formby, Liverpool	1	Stalybridge	1
Garston, Liverpool	1	Standish, Wigan	1
Grange-over-Sands	2	Stockport	1
Halton, Lancaster	1	Todmorden	1
Haslingden	1	Turton, Bolton-le-Moors	1
Heysham, Lancaster	1	Tyldesley	1
Hindley, Wigan	1	Ulverston	1
Ince, Wigan	1	Walkden, Bolton-le-Moors	1
Lancaster	7	Walton-le-Dale, Preston	1
Liverpool	52	Warrington	2
Longridge, Preston	3	Westhoughton, Bolton-le-Moors	1
Lytham, Preston	1		
Maghull, Ormskirk	1		

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YORKSHIRE.

Allerthorpe, Bedale	1	Mirfield	2
Appersett, Hawes	1	Northallerton	1
Barnsley	7	Rastrick, Halifax	1
Batley	1	Richmond	1
Bedale	1	Ripley	1
Bingley, Bradford	2	Ripon	1
Bolton Abbey, Skipton	1	Rodley, Leeds	1
Bradford	13	Rotherham	7
Brighouse, Halifax	3	Saltaire, Bradford	2
Dewsbury	4	Saltburn-by-the-Sea	1
Doncaster	6	Sandal, Wakefield	1
Farsley, Leeds	1	Scarborough	1
Gomersal, Leeds	2	Scotton, Knaresbro'	1
Goole	4	Sheffield	12
Guisborough	3	Shipley, Bradford	2
Halifax	13	Skipton	4
Hebden Bridge, Halifax	4	Skirlaugh	1
Heckmondwike	1	Slaidburn	1
Huddersfield	7	Snaith, Selby	1
Hull	6	Sowerby Bridge, Halifax	1
Idle, Bradford	1	Stokesley	1
Ilkley	1	Wakefield	3
Keighley	4	West Cottingwith	1
Knaresbro'	1	West Vale, Halifax	1
Knottingley	1	Wetherby	1
Leeds	27	Whitby	2
Lightcliffe, Halifax	1	York	5
Luddenden Foot, Halifax	2		
Marske-by-the-Sea	1		
Middlesbrough	1		

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DURHAM.

	No.		No.
Birtley	1	New Seaham	1
Bishop Auckland	1	Seaham Harbour	1
Bishopwearmouth	1	Seaton Carew	1
Chester-le-Street	2	Sleetburn	1
Cornsay	1	South Shields	1
Crook	1	Stockton-on-Tees	1
Darlington... ..	5	Sunderland	2
Durham	1	West Rainton	1
Felling	1	Willington... ..	2
Gateshead... ..	5	Wingate	1
Hetton-le-Hole... ..	1		
Langley Moor	1		33

CHESHIRE.

Adlington	1	Neston	1
Alderley Edge	1	Northwich... ..	1
Alsager	1	Runcorn	1
Altrincham	1	Saltney, Chester	1
Birkenhead	6	Stalybridge	2
Chester	9	Tarvin	1
Christleton, Chester	1	Warrington	1
Crewe... ..	1		
Knutsford	1		31
Liscard	1		

CUMBERLAND.

Armathwaite	1	Seaton Moor	1
Aspatria	1	Silloth... ..	1
Carlisle	4	Whitehaven	1
Cockermouth	2	Wigton	1
Gilgarron	1	Winscales	1
Harrington	3	Workington	3
Matterdale	1		
Moor Row	1		23
Penrith	1		

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Acklington... ..	1	North Shields	1
Alnwick	2	Tynemouth	3
Beal	1		
Morpeth	1		15
Newcastle-on-Tyne... ..	6		

WESTMORLAND.

Kendal	2	Stainton, Milnthorpe	1
Kirkby Lonsdale	1	Windermere	1
Kirkby Stephen	1		
Pooley Bridge	1		7

SUMMARY.

LANCASHIRE	243
YORKSHIRE	178
DURHAM	33
CHESHIRE... ..	31
CUMBERLAND... ..	23
NORTHUMBERLAND	15
WESTMORLAND	7
	530
OTHER COUNTIES	3
TOTAL... ..	533

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

AT THE

ELECTION OF PATIENTS,

Held at the Town Hall, Chester, June 6th, 1884,

T H O M A S S T O R E Y, E s q.

(VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE),

PRESIDING.

LANCASHIRE.

	Votes.
Hannah J. Kay, Oldham	8840
Herbert Ogden, Manchester	7723
Joseph Holding, Ince, Wigan	7588
John William Bassett, Bury	6366
William Henry Best, Manchester	6219
William Parkinson, Conder Green, Lancaster	6103
Joseph James Ellison, Blackburn	5998
Robert Edward Hill, Liverpool	5952
Thomas Hockram, Openshaw, Manchester	5866
Letitia Singleton, Preston	5852
Jane Smith, Manchester	5842
Isaac P. Cook, Halton, Lancaster	5724
Emily Millray, Manchester	5387
Ann Longworth, Fazackerley, Liverpool	5358
George F. Waddington, Bolton-le-Moors	5323
Joseph Warhurst, Manchester	5078
Richard M. Woods, Liverpool	5042
Joseph Johnson, Pemberton, Wigan	4988
John McLean, Liverpool	4909
Letitia Higginbottom, Stalybridge	4845
Frederick Creswell, Manchester	4739
Alice McCoy, Manchester	4694
Arnold Edward Cooke, Manchester	4465
John D. Mason, Newchurch, Warrington	4374

YORKSHIRE.

	Votes.
Jonathan Dean, Threshfield, Skipton	5367
Mary Ann Robertshaw, Lightcliffe, Halifax	4599
Geo. Henry Ward, Leeds	3924
Charles H. Shaw, Gomersal... ..	3727
Webster Whiteley, Soyland, Halifax... ..	3593
Fred. Smith, Farsley, Leeds	3519
Charles L. I. Hutchinson, Bradford	3397
Reginald Turner, Owston, Doncaster	3382
Abraham Burgess, Dalton, Huddersfield	3238
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Walter Hinchliffe, Thornhill Edge, Dewsbury	3108
Fred Carpenter, Tanfield, Bedale	2999
Charlotte Holdsworth, Brighouse	2989
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CHESHIRE.

Alfred Clowes, Knutsford	571
John Jones, Birkenhead	418
William N. Mealand, Saltney, Chester	277

CUMBERLAND.

Mary W. Braithwaite, Moor Row, near Whitehaven	886
William Skinner, Carlisle	526
Joseph Johnston, Aspatria	351

DURHAM.

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